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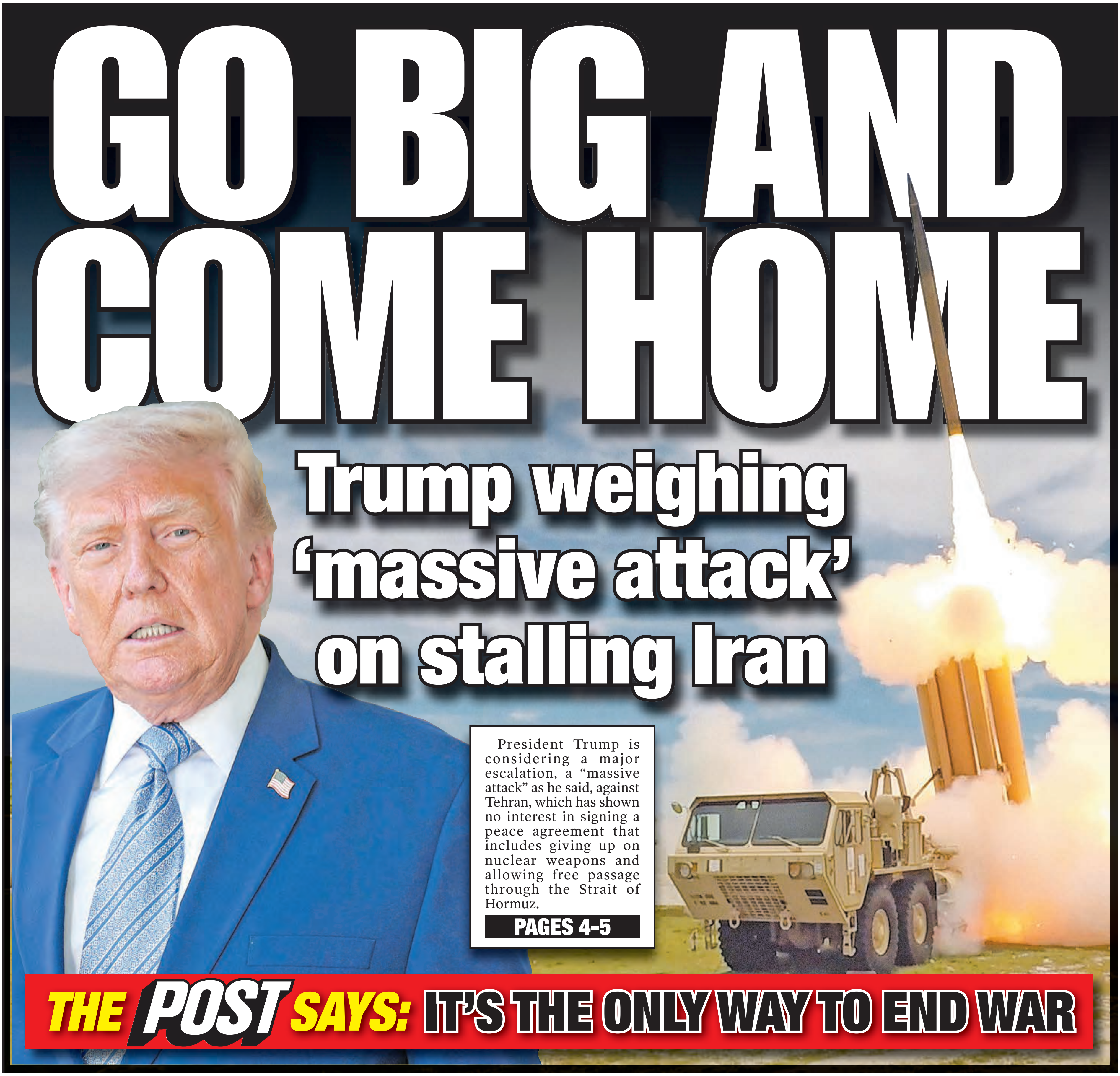

GO BIG AND COME HOME

Trump weighing ‘massive attack’ on stalling Iran

President Trump is considering a major escalation, a “massive attack” as he said, against Tehran, which has shown no interest in signing a peace agreement that includes giving up on nuclear weapons and allowing free passage through the Strait of Hormuz.

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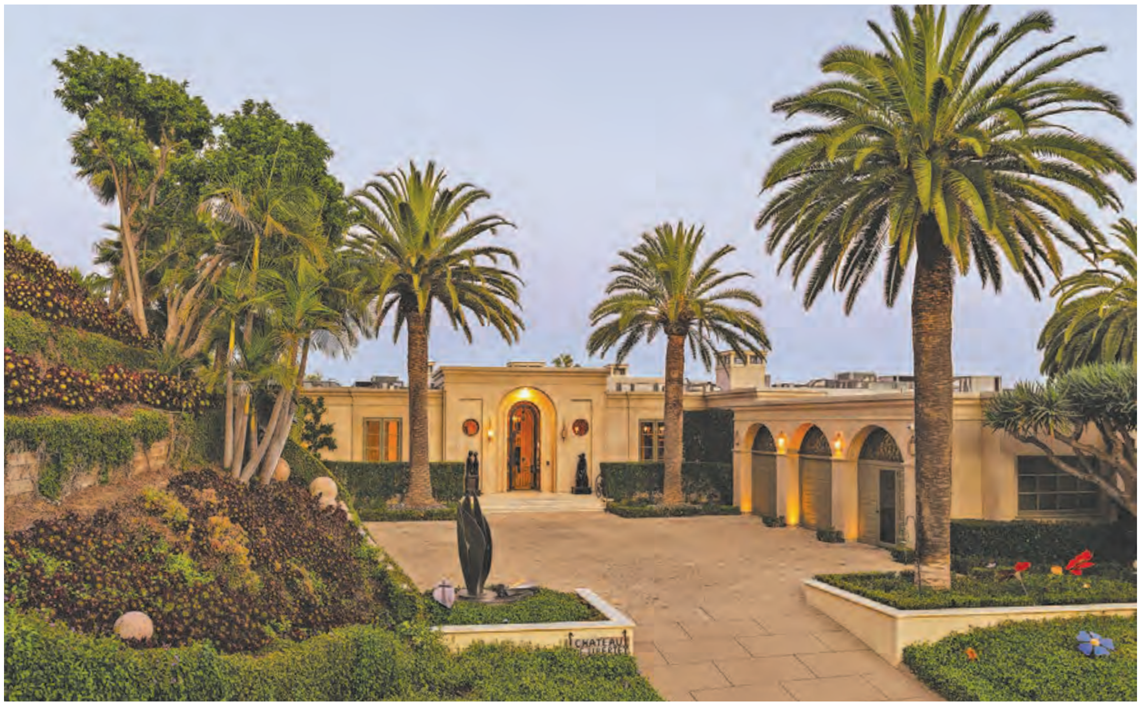

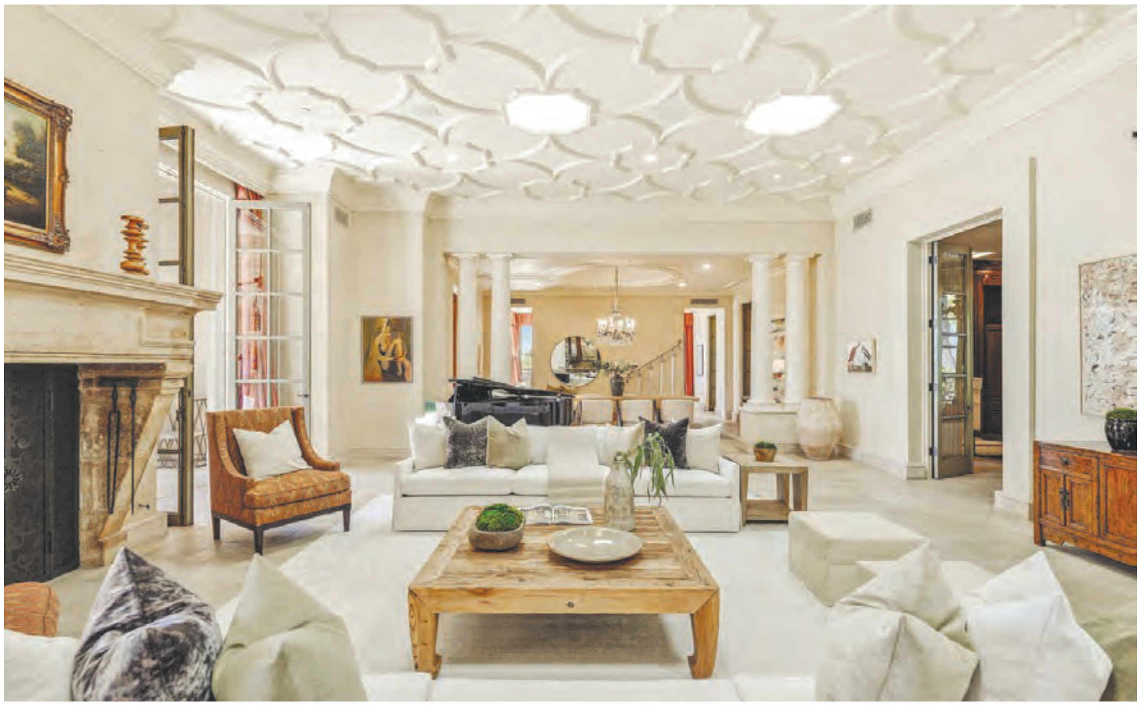

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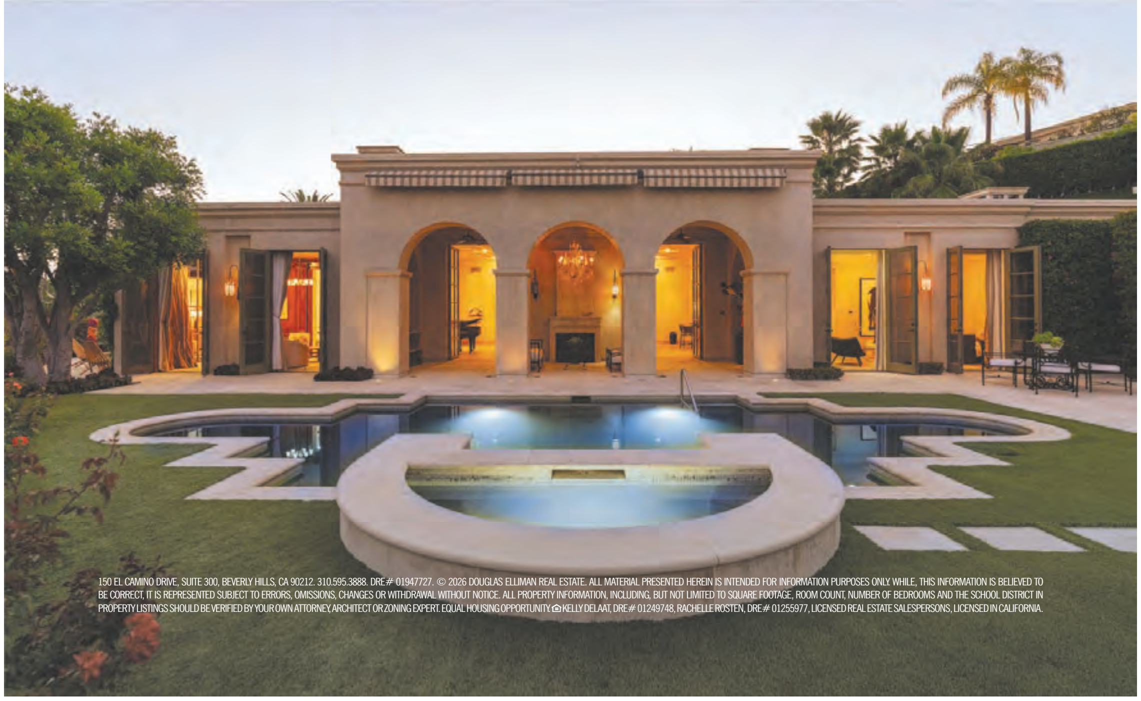

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Matt's mighty 4-foot-5 well-armed stand-in

BIG GUNS: Devyn Dalton, a diminutive stunt double for Matt Damon in "The Odyssey" (she's pictured near left on set in far left photo), shows off the arms Matt calls the "greatest" he's ever seen. (At right, with on-screen foe Stephen Adentan.)

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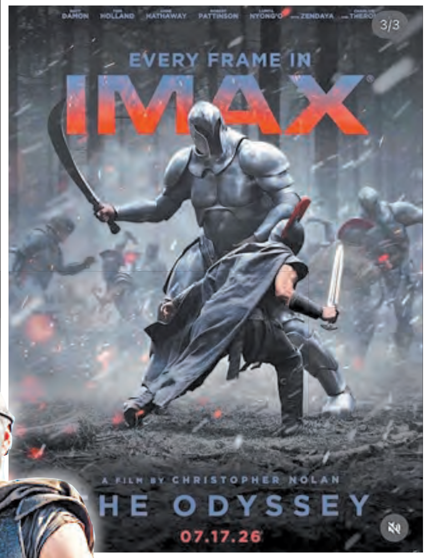
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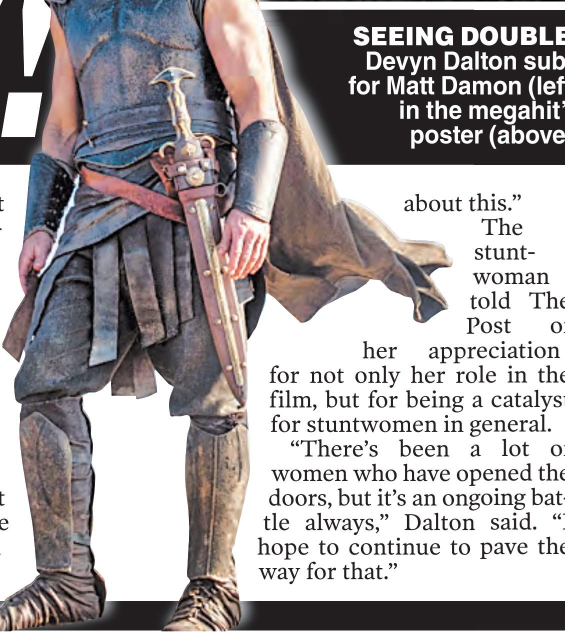

SEEING DOUBLE: Devyn Dalton subs for Matt Damon (left) in the megahit's poster (above).

Photos: Universal/Courtesy Everett Collection

Universal

By ANDREA PALLADINO

If you've seen Christopher Nolan's film adaptation of "The Odyssey" and found yourself wondering what Matt Damon did in the gym to gain those massive biceps, you're asking the wrong question.

When Odysseus was battling the giant Laestrygonians on his 10-year journey, it was actually Devyn Dalton leading the charge: a 4-foot-5 stuntwoman who, according to Damon, "had the greatest arms I've ever seen."

Dalton, a Canadian-born actor, stunt performer, motion-capture artist, voice actor and dancer, told The Post that she has always been in love with movement and storytelling, eventually finding a way to blend both in her career.

"They often say stuntman, but what about stuntwomen? It's been a really long journey paving the way," Dalton, 34, told The Post.

Faced 7-footer

The tiny-but-mighty actress got her start in the stunt world right out of high school, landing the role of Cornelia in "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" in 2011.

It was there where she was initiated into the world of motion capture, undergoing three weeks of intensive "ape training" for the physically demanding role, which required her to act on all fours.

While it's tough, she said that combining acting and physicality is her "favorite thing to do."

As her career progressed, she never stopped training. Being a stunt double means constantly adding new skills to her repertoire, from martial arts to film fighting and weapon work.

"Physically, I'm always ready to go because you get the phone call and have to be ready," she told The Post. "Sometimes you only get a week's notice."

When the call came for "The Odyssey," she immediately hit the gym with a trainer to sharpen her strength and combat skills.

Dalton did reveal that her stature was one of her strengths.

Facing off against 7-foot-tall stunt doubles created a natural "forced perspective" in fight scenes, or what she better calls "movie magic."

And yes, that's her on the film's poster.

Damon was the one who revealed the secret, telling the "Happy Sad Confused" podcast how the scenes were shot and praising Dalton's arms.

"I'm so overwhelmed that [Damon] gave a shout-out into how it works," Dalton told The Post, and expressed her elation for the light being shone on stuntwomen. "It's about time more information comes out about this."

The stuntwoman told The Post of her appreciation for not only her role in the film, but for being a catalyst for stuntwomen in general.

"There's been a lot of women who have opened the doors, but it's an ongoing battle always," Dalton said. "I hope to continue to pave the way for that."

THE BATTLE FOR IRAN SPECIAL

Bombs will get Tehran to the table

By POST EDITORIAL BOARD

THE POST SAYS:

"I am considering a massive attack. Bigger than anything we have ever had before. I am close to making a decision. We are fully prepared for it," President Trump said Thursday.

He should go ahead and do it.

The Iranians plainly don't want a deal — at least, not the ones calling the shots, who keep killing American servicemen and servicewomen across the region.

And not the ones running internal propaganda, who are instead putting up billboards of faked Melania, Barron and Ivanka corpses.

Tehran's still tapping us along, sending out negotiators who can't actually deliver peace while the men behind the scenes exploit our forbearance to push Iran's claims to own the Strait of Hormuz and now, via the Houthis, another choke point on the Red Sea.

Talking about "a head for an eye" isn't convincing Iran's true leaders that America means business; it's going to take that "massive attack" to genuinely get them to the table.

And quite possibly days of continued attacks until both sides reach a genuine accord.

This doesn't mean boots on the ground (though that threat must remain visibly on the table) but heavy and well-placed strikes.

Devastation that the Revolutionary Guard chiefs see, bombs that they hear — explosions that hit them.

They have made it unmistakable: They see US restraint as a sign of weakness; the only way to show them we're serious is to go big.

Don pushes Saudis

WASHINGTON — President Trump abruptly announced Thursday he is conditioning a newly agreed nuclear deal with Saudi Arabia on Riyadh committing to join the Abraham Accords and normalize relations with Israel.

Trump's newly announced prerequisite came one day after Washington and Riyadh finalized a deal in which the US would provide the Saudis with technical know-how for a civilian nuclear program.

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and other leaders of the oil-rich country have long made clear that Riyadh won't normalize relations with Israel without the creation of or concrete steps toward a Palestinian state.

On Wednesday, the Energy Department announced the deal, but didn't disclose the text of the pact or make any mention of Trump's condition.

"The president is always the final dealmaker, as you know," White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said at a Thursday briefing.

"If they don't join the Abraham Accords, the deal is off."

Over recent years, the Saudis and Israelis have thawed their once-icy relationship. The Saudis began allowing Israeli passenger jets to fly over their airspace in 2022, ending a long-standing ban.

The two countries are also rumored to be coordinating intelligence gathering on Iran, and the Saudis reportedly helped shoot down missile attacks aimed at Israel in the past.

Ryan King and Steven Nelson

Brigitte Stelzer; US Army / SWNS

TRAGIC LOSS: Family and friends of killed Army Sgt. Angel Sarah Rampersad (inset), including mom Carol Acevedo (below), on Thursday outside her Ozone Park home.

Houthis armed by IRGC for attacks

Iran sent men and military hardware to its Houthi terrorist proxies before the group began attacking oil tankers in the Red Sea — partially closing the "Gate of Tears" strait and opening a second front in the battle to keep crucial Middle East shipping lanes open.

Iran flew Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps commanders, military advisers and missile and drone gear into Yemen ahead of the overnight strikes on two ships in the Red Sea, sources told Reuters on Wednesday.

The Houthis' attacks — and previous warnings issued by the group — have already caused several ships to turn back along the critical trade route through the Bab-el-Mandeb strait, which connects the Red Sea to the wider ocean.

Iran has also crippled passage through the Strait of Hormuz, which lies on the other side of the Arabian Peninsula and allows passage out of the Persian Gulf. It previously carried 20% of the world's oil.

The Houthis' attacks on two Sa-

THE BATTLE FOR IRAN

OPS ON ALERT

Escalation eyed using elite forces

By CAITLIN DOORNBOS

President Trump said he is weighing a "massive attack" on Iran — as the Pentagon floods the Middle East with elite troops, fighter jets and combat medics, vowing to avenge the deaths of four US troops in less than a week.

"I am considering a massive attack. Bigger than anything we have ever had before. I am close to making a decision. We are fully prepared for it," the president told Israel's Channel 12 on Thursday.

He added that the Jewish state would join the US in the operation "in two minutes" if he asked but clarified that "we don't need anybody" to launch the potential escalation. "Relations with [Israeli Prime Minister] Bibi [Netanyahu] are very good," he said. "I will meet with him if he is in town [for Sen. Lindsey Graham's funeral next week.]"

Surge in firepower

His remarks come as the US military has surged special-operations forces into the Middle East and repositioned fighter squadrons across the region, according to flight tracking data, after four US troops were killed over the past week.

More than 150 medics have also been sent to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany — the military's primary hospital for wounded troops from the Middle East — in preparation for potential additional casualties, The Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday.

The US military on Tuesday deployed a powerful B-1 long-range bomber, officials told Axios. It was the first time the US conducted a B-1 mission since fighting with Iran resumed 12 days ago — signaling a major escalation in the war.

Details on the bomber's strikes and the damage caused were not immediately available.

The moves come as Trump is demanding "a head for an eye" when it comes to attacking Iran, Secretary of State Marco Rubio told reporters Thursday, updating the Old Testament formula of reciprocal justice.

"I saw [Abbas] Araghchi, their foreign minister, who the other day said something about their policies — 'an eye for an eye.' The president's policy is a head for an eye," Rubio said following the Association of Southeast Asian Nations meeting of foreign ministers in the Philippines.

"I mean, honestly, that's what it's going to be. I mean, they will pay a very heavy price," he added.

In an apparent response, Araghchi claimed Thursday that "compromised individuals in the US administration are burying their heads in the sand," in a post to X hours later.

"They ignore the realities on the ground and seem focused only on 2028," he alleged, referencing the next presidential election. "The mindless aggression they advocate will only ensure that POTUS pays heavier price for deal he's trying to achieve."

Trump said Iranians "haven't taken enough pain yet" to finalize a peace deal but said Tehran "want[s] to negotiate," according to Channel 12.

A regional source told The Post mediators are finding it challenging to get through to the Iranians, who are split between the politicians who favor US talks and hardliners who want to continue and even escalate the war.

Getty Images

"Basically, two tracks inside Iran are pulling further apart without a clean break yet," the person said. The US military buildup has escalated sharply since Iran killed four US troops in less than a week.

Avenging US deaths

An Iranian missile strike on July 17 killed three US troops after striking housing units where American service members lived and slept at Jordan's Muwaffaq Salti Air Base, a source familiar with the attack told The Post.

The Pentagon identified the troops killed as 1st Lt. Tyler J. Feehan of Hawaii, Pvt. Isabella Gonzales of Texas and Army Sgt. Angel S. Rampersad of New York.

A fourth service member, Sgt. Michael Emmanuel Swinton of North Carolina, died a day later as US forces detonated an explosive device attached to a downed Iranian drone in Iraq.

The deaths underscore the growing challenge of protecting roughly 50,000 American troops stationed across the region.

Nearly 100 service members have suffered injuries since July 7, but 96% have returned to duty, with most suffering minor concussions, Pentagon spokesman Sean Parnell said this week.

Trump has vowed retaliation for every American death.

"Every time Iran kills an American Soldier they will pay for that killing many times over!" Trump wrote on social media Monday.

The US has continued daily strikes since July 11 aimed at degrading Iran's ability to threaten commercial shipping in the Strait of Hormuz.

Street to honor GI

The beloved Queens soldier killed in an Iranian attack on a US base should have a street named after her, the borough president said Thursday — as her devastated mom sobbed, "She died for her country."

There's a plan to honor Sgt. Angel Sarah Rampersad, 28, of Ozone Park — killed Friday during the attack at Muwaffaq Salti Air Base in Jordan — for her bravery on the street outside her family home, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards said.

"She made the ultimate sacrifice," Richards said at a press conference. "Angel was a hero, plain and simple. She put her community before herself."

"The least we can do is rename this street in her honor," Richards said, while standing outside her family home on 96th Street.

Rampersad's mom, Carol Acevedo, teared up as she recalled her daughter's dedication to the Army. "My daughter was a good, good soldier," Acevedo said. *Reuven Fenton and Natalie O'Neill*

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udi oil tankers on Wednesday sent Brent crude oil surging past $100 a barrel for the first time since May.

President Trump vowed to hold Iran accountable for any more attacks by the Houthis in the Red Sea.

"Please let this TRUTH serve to represent that if they do this again, the U.S. will hold Iran responsible, in that the Houthis are a Surrogate and/or Proxy of Iran, and major military punishment will be inflicted upon Iran and, of course, the Houthis, themselves, who I am very disappointed with," Trump wrote on Truth Social.

Wednesday's attack raised fears that the Houthis could attempt to shut down the Bab-el-Mandeb strait entirely.

The waterway carries roughly 5% of the world's oil.

An alternate route connecting to the Mediterranean via the Suez Canal in the north of the Red Sea would add travel time of 10 to 15 days for ships bound for India and China. *Ryan King, Ronny Reyes and Caitlin Doornbos*

Zo’s Tour de ‘force’

Plan to give DOT new powers for bike lane projects

By HALEY BROWN

FULL SPEED AHEAD: The Mamdani administration is aiming to give new powers to the Department of Transportation that would allow it to build new projects without inter-agency consultation.

Getty Images

The Mamdani administration wants to give the Department of Transportation sweeping new power to approve new bike and bus lanes, claiming it’ll speed up such projects by 33% — deepening an already bitter fight over the city’s streets.

The Commission on Government Efficiency, or COGE, was set to formally adopt five proposed amendments to the City Charter, which would be put to voters on the November election ballot.

One of the proposals, “Question 3,” would get rid of inter-agency consultation requirements that critics — including firefighters, disabled residents and neighborhood coalitions — have used to delay or halt recent bike lane projects.

Under the amendment, the DOT would also no longer have to complete community board presentations before beginning construction. The transportation commissioner could declare an “immediate need” and build first.

Mayor Mamdani’s office, in a press release detailing the five ballot questions, touted that the proposal would “speed up street safety projects, including bike lanes, by at least 33%.”

‘Totalitarian colors’

New York City has more than 1,316 miles of cycling lanes, including more than 140 miles of on-street protected bike lanes, according to the DOT.

The agency installed 27.9 miles of new protected bike lanes in fiscal year 2025, and DOT Commissioner Mike Flynn told the City Council in early March that the agency expected to outperform that in 2026, but he didn’t give a target.

Councilwoman Joann Ariola, a Queens Republican, called the proposed amendment “an extremely dangerous precedent.”

“This mayor is truly showing the totalitarian colors that so many of us warned about,” Ariola said. “What he’s doing is effectively using a handpicked charter commission to create a carefully engineered question meant to eliminate a law that he doesn’t agree with.”

Ariola sponsored a 2025 law requiring DOT to consult with local firehouses about safety before implementing bike lanes and other major street redesigns.

Question 3 would let the DOT skip those consultations.

“Today it is Local Law 6. Tomorrow, it might be any other law that the administration finds inconvenient,” Ariola said.

Opponents had relied on that law when suing over the safety of a bike lane in Queens that they warned would keep firefighters’ ladder trucks from reaching upper floors.

‘Will not allow this’

Janet Schroeder, director of the NYC E-Vehicle Safety Alliance, said the amendment would leave pedestrians more exposed.

“This is a pedestrian city first. Bike lanes do not protect pedestrians from an e-vehicle speeding, running lights or leaving the scene of a crash,” Schroeder said. “This is an authoritarian-like street takeover and we at NYC EVSA represent the majority opinion and will not allow this.”

But a spokesperson for the mayor’s office framed the amendment as “common sense.”

“This commonsense change will help the city deliver safer streets, more reliable bus service, and a better-connected bike-lane network more quickly, while ensuring safety and accessibility remain central to every street redesign,” the spokesperson said.

If commissioners approve the amendment as drafted and certified to the Board of Elections by early August, it would be placed before voters on the Nov. 3 ballot.

The bike-loving mayor’s first budget put about $23 million toward a new bike network development program through 2031 and more than $11 million next year for 45 new cycling-focused staff at the DOT.

Schools ‘failed’ to claim $432M

Big Apple public schools lost out on a staggering $431.6 million in Medicaid cash, failing to collect federal reimbursements on services for students with disabilities, according to a new audit by the city comptroller’s office.

The report, on fiscal years 2023 to 2025, found the city’s public schools left $273.4 million — roughly 46% of total provided services in occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech therapy for students — on the table.

Another $132.7 million in mandated services for disabled students was never properly documented, the comptroller’s office found.

“Failing to collect Medicaid reimbursements the city is entitled to is more than a fiscal problem — it raises serious questions about whether the government is operating as effectively as New Yorkers need it to,” City Comptroller Mark Levine said.

The probe was a follow-up to a 2021 audit which also found that city schools failed to seek available Medicaid reimbursement for services to disabled students.

The new audit found the school system deliberately chose not to seek repayment for some services — including psychological counseling — losing at least an additional $25.4 million in the three-year period.

A DOE spokesperson said the comptroller’s report contained “assumptions and misconceptions,” and overstated what the agency can be reimbursed for.

Hannah Fierick

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SEAN DUFFY
Boss cites “key initiatives.”

‘Penn’ to ‘Trump’ Station?

Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy listed renaming New York’s Penn Station as an administration priority on Wednesday, leading to speculation the nation’s busiest transit hub could be rechristened in honor of President Trump as part of an$8 billion makeover.

Duffy penned a letter, sent to leaders of several Senate committees, urging Congress to “direct Amtrak to rename New York Penn Station” when it reauthorizes funding for surface transportation initiatives that expire on Sept. 30.

“We have a unique opportunity through reauthorization efforts to address key initiatives — particularly those related to transforming New York Penn Station,” he wrote.

Duffy did not say what the Manhattan train hub should be called. A rep for the DOT declined to comment on whether the administration is seeking to rename Penn Station after Trump.

Victor Nava

Knicks make more ‘History’

HOOP, there it is!

What’s bigger than a T. rex, at least according to New Yorkers at the American Museum of Natural History? The Knicks’ NBA Championship trophy, a 29-pound hunk of hard-won metal that will soon go on display at the Upper West Side landmark.

Starting this Monday, the NBA’s famous Larry O’Brien Trophy will hit the ground floor, giving hoops-hungry New Yorkers a chance to bask in the team’s dominant victory.

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Crazed fiend yelled *Allahu Akbar*: cops

2 BLOODIED IN STAB HORROR

MOTIVE UNCLEAR: Raul Morales allegedly yelled “Allahu Akbar” and stabbed two people Thursday, but police say that mental health is a potential factor.

Manhattan Shomrim

By JOE MARINO,
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and ZOE HUSSAIN

A deranged attacker yelling “Allahu Akbar” stabbed two men in separate attacks on the Upper West Side Thursday afternoon, Police Commissioner Jessica Tisch said.

Investigators were probing whether the suspect, Raul Morales, 51, was motivated by hate, though Tisch also said “the initial investigation suggests that mental health may have been a factor.”

“Detectives are continuing to work the case and determine motive, but according to victim and witness statements, Morales yelled ‘Allahu Akbar,’ ” meaning, “God is the greatest” in Arabic, during both attacks, the top cop said in a statement.

“The NYPD is currently evaluating whether this is a potential hate crime,” she wrote.

Morales allegedly jumped the first victim, a 57-year-old Asian man, near West 84th Street and Central Park West and stabbed him in the back with a knife at around 1:30 p.m., police and the sources said.

Both victims ‘stable’

The second victim, a 50-year-old man wearing a yarmulke, was attacked as he was leaving synagogue at Central Park West and West 86th Street and stabbed in the torso with a screwdriver, according to cops and sources.

Both victims were taken to Saint Luke’s Hospital where they were listed in stable condition according to police.

Morales was caught around 2:45 p.m. after he allegedly barricaded himself inside a NYCHA apartment just blocks away on Amsterdam Avenue near West 88th Street, cops said.

Nava Silton, who was speaking with the second victim inside the Jewish center on West 86th Street before the attack, said she ran out and spoke to two witnesses who heard the suspect say “Allahu Akbar” before the stabbing.

“The perpetrator tried to act like a normal person and that he wasn’t involved and muttering someone should call 911. Literally pretending he was not culpable,” Silton told The Post.

She said that the victim told her “someone drove a screwdriver into the right side of his chest and yelled something,” but he didn’t hear exactly what.

“It was serious, but he’s speaking, and he’s conscious,” she said of the victim, adding that he was “an incredible person” and that she was praying for him. He had been leaving Tisha B’Av services when he was attacked.

Marianna Ellenberg recalled witnessing the wife of the first victim watch in horror as her husband was randomly knifed in the back near West 84th Street and Central Park West.

“He was entirely like this [kneeling on his knees], and the knife was sticking out his back. He was just like kind of so stoic,” Ellenberg said. “We saw her [his wife] covering her mouth. She was just scared.”

“Like it was like a surreal image because it was during a bright, sunny 1:30 p.m. Upper West Side Central Park West day. And there was just this cry,” Ellenberg said.

Michael Jacobs and Morris Dahan, members of Manhattan Shomrim, a volunteer civilian watch group in Orthodox communities, rushed to the scene after receiving calls about the stabbing.

The second victim was “identifiable as Jewish” when he was stabbed, Jacobs described.

“He was fully identifiable as Jewish. He was wearing a skull cap, a yarmulke, a kippah, and he lives here in the neighborhood. He’s known in the neighborhood. He’s a respected person in the neighborhood. Minding his own business, just going to pray,” Jacobs said. Charges were not immediately filed against Morales, who sources said suffers from mental-health issues and has at least two prior arrests, both for drug possession in 1991.

‘Senseless attack’

“While the perpetrator has no known mental-health history with the NYPD, the initial investigation suggests that mental health may have been a factor,” Tisch said.

A knife and screwdriver were recovered following his arrest, police said. “I want to commend the bravery of a good Samaritan who led our officers to the location where the perpetrator was hiding, as well as our NYPD cops who brought an end to the incident without further injuries,” Tisch said in the statement.

Mayor Mamdani wrote on X that he had been briefed on the “horrifying stabbings.”

“According to witness and victim statements, the perpetrator yelled “Allahu Akbar” during both attacks. I am relieved that both victims are in stable condition,” Mamdani said.

“I am grateful to the officers for their swift response,” Hizzoner added. “The NYPD’s initial investigation suggests that mental health may have been a factor. They are also evaluating these stabbings as potential hate crimes.”

“Disgusted by what appears to be another senseless attack on New Yorkers simply because they’re Jewish,” Gov. Hochul wrote in a statement on X.

“The strength of New York has always been our ability to live together across every faith and background,” Hochul said. “Anyone who tries to tear that apart will be met with the full force of the law.”

Additional reporting by Amanda Woods

Developing a desire to flee NYC

Mogul moves to Fla.

By LYDIA MOYNIHAN

Lifelong New Yorker and real estate investor Charles Kushner is fleeing NYC for Florida because of, he says, Mayor Mamdani and First Lady Rama Duwaji's antisemitism.

"I don't want to pay taxes and live in a city with a blatantly antisemitic mayor and his antisemitic wife, period," Kushner told The Post. "I also don't want to live in the city with the people who voted for him."

KUSHNER
Cites antisemitism.

Kushner said his decision was driven less by Mamdani's socialist policies than by what he described as the mayor's hostility toward Jews and Israel — pointing to Mamdani's refusal to march in the Israel Day Parade, his call to have Benjamin Netanyahu arrested as a war criminal and his outreach to Columbia University protesters who celebrated Hamas, and Duwaji seeming to celebrate the horrific attacks on October 7.

"I don't think you can reason with people that celebrate brutality on October 7th and say it was a hoax," said Kushner, who is serving as US Ambassador to France and living in Paris for the time being. "I respect everybody's opinion, but I don't respect anybody that celebrates murder, rape, brutality."

Kushner also called out how Mamdani's rhetoric and his rise to power reflect a broader resentment toward people who have built wealth — the same sentiment he said was on display when Mamdani attacked billionaire hedge funder Ken Griffin in a viral video.

In a clip touting his pied-à-terre tax, Mamdani called out Griffin by name as an example of the ultra-rich who "store their wealth in New York City real estate but don't actually live here full-time."

"You know, Ken Griffin worked hard to earn all that money," Kushner said. "He took a lot of risk. That's what America's about."

While Kushner hasn't entirely given up on his hometown — he plans to become a Florida resident but will hold onto his New York apartment and pay that pied-à-terre tax — he fears that Mamdani may be the one person to ruin the city.

"I think there's a lot of people like me that love New York City," he said, adding that he hopes the city is "so robust that hopefully one person can't ruin it."

"But if I was a betting person, if one person could ruin it or bring it down, it's this mayor," he said.

Kushner, a longtime real estate developer and investor, built Kushner Companies into one of the country's best-known family real estate firms. In 2004, he pled guilty to tax evasion, witness tampering and making illegal campaign contributions but was later pardoned by President Trump.

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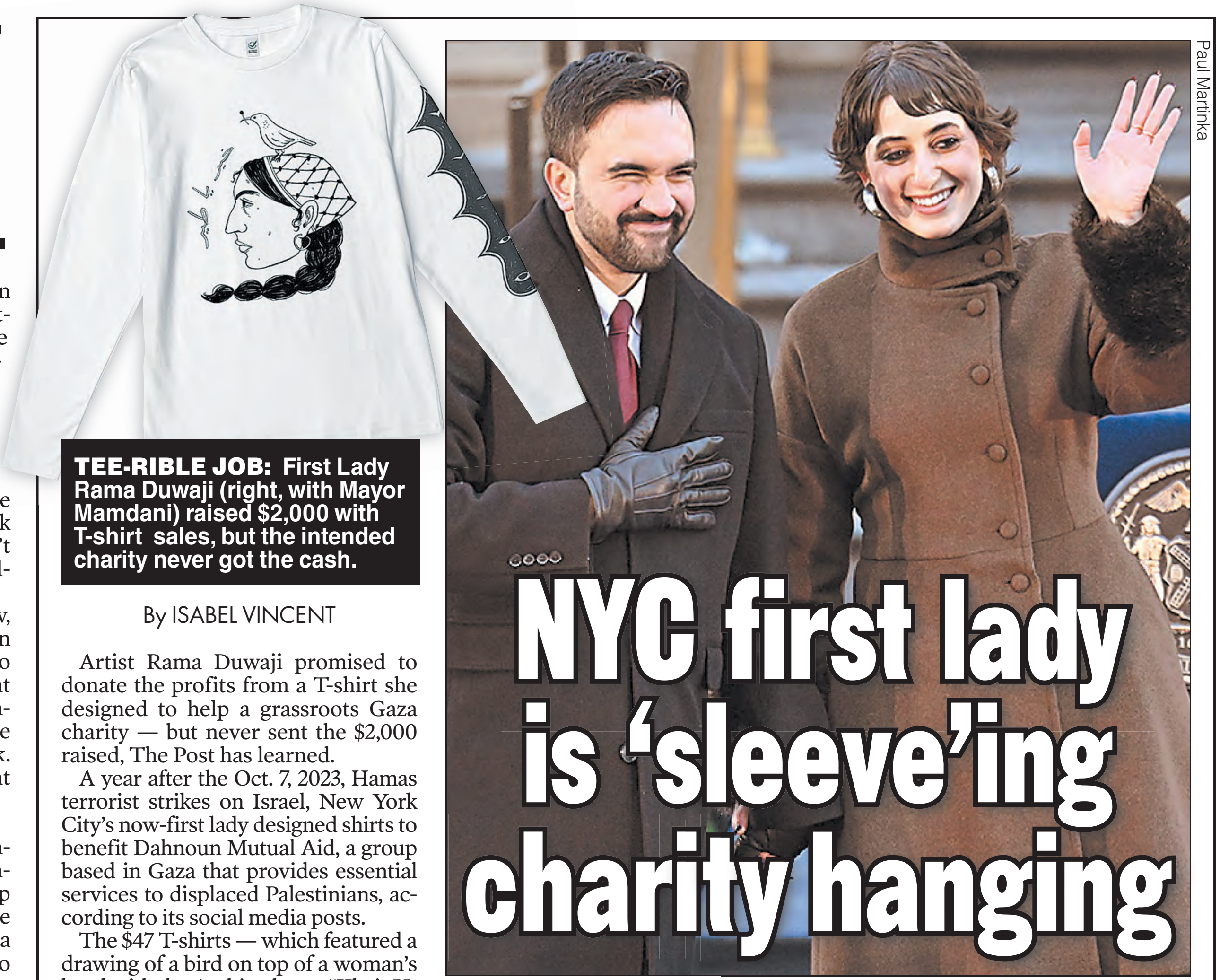


Paul Martinka

NYC first lady is 'sleeve'ing charity hanging

TEE-RIBLE JOB: First Lady Rama Duwaji (right, with Mayor Mamdani) raised $2,000 with T-shirt sales, but the intended charity never got the cash.

By ISABEL VINCENT

Artist Rama Duwaji promised to donate the profits from a T-shirt she designed to help a grassroots Gaza charity — but never sent the $2,000 raised, The Post has learned.

A year after the Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas terrorist strikes on Israel, New York City's now-first lady designed shirts to benefit Dahnoun Mutual Aid, a group based in Gaza that provides essential services to displaced Palestinians, according to its social media posts.

The $47 T-shirts — which featured a drawing of a bird on top of a woman's head with the Arabic phrase "Khair Ya Tair" ("Good news, oh bird!") — were sold on Everpress, a London-based platform that worked with charities to sell items for fundraising.

Duwaji pledged 100% of the profits from the shirts, which were advertised on her Instagram account and raised about $2,000, a source told The Post. That money went into "a creator" account at the company, the source said.

The Post is told Everpress appealed several times to Duwaji to send her banking information so that they could wire her the cash, which she then was required to send to the charity.

"That's the way it's supposed to work," said the source, adding that the platform, which shut down in May, routinely worked with large charities such as War Child and UNICEF. "Everpress took in the funds for the creator [then] sent the money to the creator for the charity."

The source said that the team at Everpress repeatedly reached out to Duwaji on her personal email account and via Instagram, but she did not respond and the $2,000 stayed in the account.

Had 2 years to donate

"At the time we had no idea who she was, but if you say you are going to donate to something, then you need to donate," the source told The Post. "We thought maybe she donated on her own, but we couldn't find any proof that she did that."

A spokeswoman for the Mayor's office told The Post that Duwaji did not keep the proceeds from any of the T-shirt sales.

"First Lady Rama Duwaji designed a shirt for which 100% of the proceeds would go towards Dahnoun Mutual Aid for Gaza," Dora Pekec said. "The shirt was sold via the third-party site Everpress HQ, which allows independent creators to sell clothing without upfront costs. At no point were the proceeds in the First Lady's account. The proceeds remain at Everpress HQ and will be sent to the mutual aid organization."

But the company issued several notices to "creators" noting that it would be shutting down in May. The source noted that Duwaji's campaign took place in 2024, and she had two years to claim the cash for the charity.

An online fundraiser for Dahnoun Mutual Aid shows no donations from Duwaji. The charity has raised $1.1 million towards its $2 million goal. The group did not return a request for comment this week.

"Khair Ya Tair is a hopeful ask, a quiet reassurance, an open palm," wrote Duwaji in a description of the T-shirt design on the Everpress site. "The Tair in question is the Palestinian Sunbird, a symbol for freedom and defiance of restrictions and borders. 100% profit from this garment goes towards winter clothes in North Gaza via Dahnoun Mutual Aid."

BRONX HOPES

Pol: Hiz failing us with lanes project

DRIVEN TO FRUSTRATION: Democratic City Councilmember Oswald Feliz (left) ripped Mayor Mamdani's apparent lack of interest in a Bronx thoroughfare bus lane redesign project, saying the administration offers only "crumbs."

Gregory P. Mango for NY Post

> This administration scheduled meetings with no purpose other than creating the appearance that they've listened to the community.

By HALEY BROWN

A Democratic City Councilmember slammed Mayor Mamdani over a bus lane redesign plan for one of The Bronx's busiest thoroughfares — saying the Boogie Down needs investment in street safety instead of "crumbs."

Mamdani didn't even show up to the ceremonial groundbreaking for the bus lanes on Fordham Road Wednesday — which irked Bronx Councilmember Oswald Feliz, who said Hizzoner's absence showed how he felt about the borough, which needs funding for street signs, medians and more lighting.

"The bus lane project presents an opportunity to make transformative investments on Fordham Road, the busiest commercial corridor in the Bronx," Feliz said in a statement on social media. "It is disappointing that, rather than making meaningful investments, the administration has chosen to offer crumbs."

Meetings 'for show'

Feliz told The Post he protested the lack of investment in his district by skipping the administration's ceremony, which saw officials touting the redesign that will speed up the Bx12 by adding an "offset" away from the curb, with the curb lane for parking and loading.

Bronx Councilmember Pierina Sanchez also skipped the groundbreaking, saying the plan failed to address concerns she had already raised with the administration.

With Mamdani not in attendance, Department of Transportation Commissioner Mike Flynn addressed members of the press instead.

"We have heard some concerns from some of the local stakeholders, some of the electeds," Flynn told reporters. "Right now we are moving ahead with the toolbox we can do through a bus project."

A spokesperson for the mayor's office insisted the administration has an "open dialogue" with the community.

"We will continue to deliver these critical projects while maintaining open dialogue with community members and elected officials."

But Feliz said that in meetings with Mamdani aides he asked for "basic investments" along Fordham Road and walked away feeling brushed off.

"This administration scheduled meetings with no purpose other than creating the appearance that they've listened to the community," Feliz said.

'Created obstacles'

When he pushed for more trees and plantings in the median, Feliz said, City Hall told him it wasn't possible because of concerns at the Department of Environmental Protection.

But when he contacted DEP directly, officials there told him they had no problem with adding greenery, Feliz claimed.

"They've repeatedly created obstacles to discourage the community from fighting for investments," Feliz said of the Mamdani administration.

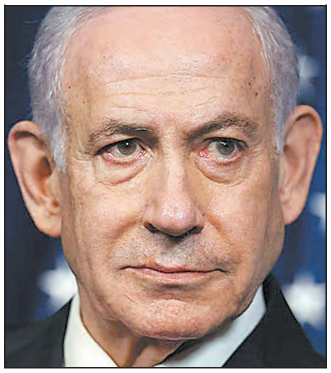
The Fordham Road flop isn't the first time Mamdani has been accused of shortchanging poorer neighborhoods.

Bronx Councilmember Althea Stevens — the lone Democrat to vote against Mamdani's $126 billion budget — blasted the mayor in June for funneling bigger investments to wealthier areas while leaving her high-poverty district behind, arguing that "equity means directing resources where the needs are greatest."

Mamdani and his comrades in the Democratic Socialists of America are also facing growing scrutiny over a disconnect with the concerns of black communities in the city.

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards tore into the 85% white DSA on social media as a new face of "white supremacy," accusing the group of brushing aside black and Latino communities as it hunts for more power.

"White supremacy comes in all forms," Richards posted on social media late Sunday.


BENJAMIN NETANYAHU
Visit likely to draw protests.

Cops' ire at Bibi rhetoric

Mayor Mamdani is telling New Yorkers to take to the streets to protest Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu when he visits the Big Apple — and it has NYPD cops fuming.

New York's Finest just kept the five boroughs safe during the FIFA World Cup, the Knicks' NBA title, Independence Day and a massive Amercia250 celebration — and now must keep their guards up as the lefty mayor fans the flames.

"The mayor's activist posturing puts police officers on the street in a terrible position," NYPD Police Benevolent Association President Patrick Hendry said. "Protests during the UN General Assembly are nothing new, but when the mayor of the city is actively calling for demonstrations, violent agitators will assume they have permission to cause as much havoc as possible.

"Those same agitators know that the NYPD's protest response is already hamstrung by the dangerous lawsuit settlement the city signed over the PBA's opposition," Hendry said. "The mayor's heated rhetoric could be enough to push demonstrations over the edge into chaos."

Mamdani previously vowed to have Netanyahu arrested if he set foot in the city due to a 2024 warrant from the International Criminal Court for alleged war crimes in Gaza.

However, the mayor was forced to backtrack this week by admitting he didn't have the juice to do it — but urged New Yorkers to protest Netanyahu, which means more work for the NYPD. *Larry Celona*

Don's plugged in

GRID REAPER: President Trump — visiting EPA headquarters Thursday — stumped for AI data centers, announcing more utility companies and governors signed his pledge demanding developers pay for new energy infrastructure.

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Costs of AI power are on Big Tech: prez

By EMILY GOODIN
and STEVEN NELSON

WASHINGTON — President Trump urged Americans to welcome AI data centers in a Thursday stump for US technical supremacy — arguing the hubs would make communities "rich" and warning that anyone opposed would miss out on a gold rush.

Trump visited EPA headquarters to tackle public concerns by touting new business commitments to build power plants and arguing that he even finds the humungous facilities visually appealing.

"We have a couple, probably, on the other side of things. They disagree, but I don't know how they can disagree. Your community and your state's going to become rich, and there's very little disruption," Trump said.

"If you don't take all that money, somebody else is going to take it. You might as well do it yourself."

Trump used the event to announce more utility companies and 23 governors signed his "Ratepayer Protection Pledge," which demands data center developers pay for new energy infrastructure.

Steep jumps in energy costs have spurred nationwide indignation — with residents in the DC area reporting energy bills topping $1,000 this past winter as the AI boom in northern Virginia caused greater demand.

Trump said his Ratepayer Protection Pledge addresses this concern.

"You need double the electricity that we have right now, maybe even more than that, to really fulfill what you want to do," Trump told company execs present for his remarks.

Can grid take demand?

Once more power plants are built, "electricity bills for American families will actually come down," Trump said.

The White House developed the pledge to counter criticism of the centers.

Seven in 10 Americans oppose constructing data centers for artificial intelligence in their local area, a Gallup poll found in May.

But Trump — a former real estate developer known for his taste for classical architecture and gilded finishes — argued the warehouse-style buildings are aesthetically appealing and should be welcomed.

"All my life, the biggest building in the whole world was the Pentagon, and you can fit 25 Pentagons into some of these," Trump said.

"They're just large; they go on for miles. And frankly, if you like certain types of things, they're incredible to look at."

Data centers use about 4.4% of US electricity and are projected to utilize up to 12% by 2030.

There are concerns over whether America's aging power grid can handle the increasing demand.

Big Tech companies and utilities signing the Ratepayer Protection Pledge account for about 80% of power used in the US at both businesses and homes, the White House said.

Gov. Hochul signed an executive order last month banning the construction of large data centers for up to a year.

Business leaders warned the governor that she risks leaving New York behind, arguing the centers will simply move to other states, jeopardizing job opportunities for New Yorkers.

Trump and some Republican officials think Chinese influence operations are fueling the backlash to harm the country's economic competitiveness — though proof has not emerged.

Executives, meanwhile, are concerned that consumer outrage against the centers could see them relocated abroad.

Several large companies have already signed the president's pledge, including Google, Microsoft, Meta, Oracle, xAI, OpenAI and Amazon.

The pledge is nonbinding and, thus far, only Republican governors have signed.

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Surge in DC bigs threats

The Secret Service has investigated approximately 10,000 threats to its protectees — including President Trump — in the first half of this year, the head of the agency said Wednesday.

"The numbers are numbers that this agency and certainly I have never seen in my 24-year career," Secret Service Director Sean Curran told reporters in a briefing ahead of Friday night's rescheduled White House Correspondents' Dinner.

"The environment has become very volatile, and that's just across the board," added Curran. "The threat picture and environment is as large as I've ever seen it."

By comparison, the Secret Service had opened around 7,000 investigations during the same period in 2025.

The agency is responsible for the security of roughly three dozen protectees, including the president and vice president, their immediate families and those in the presidential line of succession.

Officials said most of the threats the Secret Service investigates originate online and all reports are treated as potentially credible until agents can determine whether the subject has the intent, means and ability to actually carry out an attack.

Samuel Chamberlain

2 survive copter hit

Wild video shows a sightseeing helicopter crash-landing on top of two tourists in China — with both somehow surviving.

The yellow chopper was performing a low-altitude demonstration flight near a salt lake at the Chaka Sky No. 1 Scenic Area in Qinghai Province on Tuesday when it suddenly spun out of control, the Sun reported.

The Harbin XLI gyroplane plunged to the ground and came to a stop near the bank of the lake — but hit two people on its way down, leaving one with serious head injuries.

Chris Bradford

MISS NOOGIE & MARLEY
Can you give them a home?

Rescued car-drag duo up for adoption

Two adorable dogs allegedly dragged by a Queens man as he drove through Long Island City in January have made miraculous recoveries and are ready to find their forever homes.

Marzipan and Nougat — known affectionately as Marley and Miss Noogie — are now up for adoption after receiving specialized treatment from the ASPCA following their rescue.

The two dogs were seen in a disturbing video tied up by their leashes to the back of a red Volkswagen Passat, struggling to keep up as the car drove to an intersection at 11th Street and 43rd Avenue on Jan. 4.

Officers arrested the 68-year-old driver, Dan Bujor, after a horrified witness contacted the NYPD.

Bujor was hit with torture and other charges.

He has pleaded not guilty and faces up to one year behind bars if convicted.

Zoe Hussain

HUNTER BIDEN
Profanity-laced tirade.

Blast at ‘a-hole’ Tapper

Hunter Biden has furiously called CNN’s Jake Tapper a “complete and utter a–hole” who is “full of f--king s--t.”

The long-troubled former first son launched his expletive-ridden tirade when asked about Tapper’s book, “Original Sin,” about Biden’s dad’s disastrous failed 2024 run for re-election.

“I think that Jake is a complete and utter a–hole,” Hunter, 56, told the CNN’s star’s former colleague, Don Lemon, on his podcast Wednesday.

The foul-mouthed former first son said he has known Tapper for 25 years, calling him a “really poor journalist.” “I don’t think he’s a very decent human being,” he said.

“I think he’s full of f--king s--t,” Hunter added, branding him “the Brick Tamland of his generation,” referring to Steve Carell’s idiotic weatherman character in the movie “Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy.”

Anthony Blair

‘Cosmetic’ celeb death

A beauty influencer and mom has died after she suffered complications while undergoing cosmetic surgery, according to reports.

Adriana García, a 30-year-old content creator with more than 90,000 followers on social media, died following Tuesday’s operation at a private clinic in Sinaloa, Mexico, El Universal said.

A cause of death hasn’t been revealed, the outlet said, with the death still under investigation.

Her death was confirmed by Drop-Shop, a Mexican retailer. *Chris Bradford*

Can men wear shorts to work?

MAYBE KNEED IT IN THE HEAT

SHIN MUSIC: With summer heat making the trek to work a slog, men have been sporting shorts in the office, igniting controversy. “Most places don’t accept wearing shorts, but times have changed,” one Big Apple 9-to-5er said.

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By ASIA GRACE

They’re getting a leg up on the job.

Businessmen, executives and finance bros are spicing up their clothes this summer, ditching stuffy slacks in the workplace for breezy, leisurely shorts to beat the heat.

“Headed to the office in shorts. I never [cared],” Jon, 32, a NYC 9-to-5er, defiantly captioned footage of his workwear this month, pairing a pair of knee-length black bottoms with an open, short-sleeve pinstripe button-up atop a white T-shirt.

The stylish nonconformist completed the lax look with a touch of corporate formality, wearing high socks with loafers and accessorizing with a sophisticated carryall.

New Yorkers have been forced to slog through city streets in three-digit temps throughout June and July, with blazing conditions reaching the feel-like level of 107 degrees.

Europeans, too, endured a heatwave, suffering through a peak recorded temp of 111.7 degrees in recent weeks.

Leg-ally acceptable?

Amid the scorching madness, most employees have given their stamps of approval on dudes showing a little skin at their desks.

In fact, a new survey indicates that 68% of UK staffers say it is acceptable for men to wear shorts in the office. That’s nearly double the amount of folks who were amenable to the unconventional garb in 2016.

Still, not everyone is supportive of the sporty swing.

Women at work in Tokyo have accused their male colleagues of “*sunehara*” — Japanese slang meaning “leg hair harassment” — blasting the shorts-on-shift craze in repulsion of fuzzy shins, calves and thighs.

But in the US, the land of the free and the home of the brave, professional men are shamelessly flaunting their legs.

Spencer, a Gotham-based go-getter, posed in a preppy, yet casual work outfit, featuring beige pleated shorts, a light blue button-up, a sweater and sneakers, insisting, “the coldest summer is an over-[air-conditioned] office,” beneath a viral video of his getup.

Winston Jones, another concrete jungle jobholder, echoed similar sentiments while encouraging men of the trend to keep workplace modesty in mind.

‘Times have changed’

“Most places don’t accept wearing shorts, but times have changed,” he argued in a post. “However, there is a fine line and respectability we need to approach [when] wearing shorts to the office.”

The fashion influencer, with an audience of over 235,000 viewers, recommended guys choose Bermuda shorts for their length and loose fit.

“My thigh is not exposed, even when I sit down or raise my leg up,” said Jones. “My calves are still out, but that’s OK.

“This is probably the best way to wear shorts to an office, if your office culture allows it.”

Page Six’s in-house expert, Style and Shopping Director Elana Fishman, has the final say here: “If your office leans more corporate and traditional, I’d advise against freeing the knee and flashing those hairy shins during your 9-to-5; a lightweight pant is a far more professional option.

“No matter what, avoid cargo, denim and athletic shorts at all costs during work hours. It’s the office, not a barbecue!”

TWO ANGELS LOST

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ANGUISH: Siggy Golabek, 7, and Mya, 9, (shown with parents, left) died after a boat driven by their grandfather reportedly hit this Barnegat Bay marker (right).

IDs on tragic boat crash sibs, 7 & 9

By PATRICK REILLY

The 7- and 9-year-old siblings killed in a horrific boat crash during a Jersey Shore weekend outing with their grandparents have been identified by police and mourned by family in their obituaries.

Sigmund and Jennifer Golabek lost their daughter Mya, 9, and son Sigmund, 7, after the family's boat struck a channel marker in Barnegat Bay on Sunday night, sending the children flying into the water, State Police told NJ.com.

The children's grandfather, Steven Schneider, 63, who officials said was driving the 30-foot boat, and grandmother, Laurie Schneider, 64, found the kids, but they were unresponsive and later pronounced dead.

The channel marker was fully functioning and its lights were working when the boat struck into it around 9 p.m., Berkeley Councilman James Byrnes told News 12 New Jersey.

"The firemen jumped right in" to try to save them, Byrnes told the outlet. "The one child had a life jacket next to him."

'Sweet' & 'active'

The siblings were remembered by their family as "sweet" and "active" children who loved each other and their family.

"A sibling bond is a love that lasts forever. Mya and Siggy were not only brother and sister, but best friends who shared laughter, adventures, and countless memories," each of the children's obituaries reads.

"Now they continue their journey together, hand in hand, carrying their love beyond this world and leaving behind a beautiful reminder of the unbreakable bond they shared."

Mya was remembered as "a sweet, fun-loving girl" who "shined in everything she did" in her tear-jerking obituary.

"Mya's beautiful smile, kind heart, and joyful personality made her someone truly special," the obituary continued. "She had a way of bringing happiness wherever she went and making those around her feel loved."

The obituary also noted her love of "swimming, spending time at the beach, and crabbing on summer days and nights."

Sigmund, or "Siggy," was a "shy, but adventurous little boy with a big imagination and a personality all his own," according to his obituary. "He loved the excitement of basketball, baseball, the fun of swimming, and the adventures that came from the things he loved most.

"Although Siggy's time here was much too short, the love he gave and the memories he created will remain forever."

The tragedy remains under investigation, and no charges had been filed as of Thursday.

The Ocean County Prosecutor's Office and Ocean County Medical Examiner did not immediately respond to The Post's request for comment. NJ State Police did not comment on the children's identities.

Upstate 'drown dad' trial begins

The trial of a Canadian coffee entrepreneur accused of drowning his 9-year-old daughter in an upstate New York pond kicked off Thursday with prosecutors outlining a disturbing timeline — while the defense insisted the case is "entirely circumstantial."

Luciano Frattolin, 46, of Montreal, is accused of making a bogus kidnapping report after allegedly killing the little girl, Melina, while on a trip to the Lake George area last July.

In opening statements, prosecutor Carrie Daly described how Frattolin allegedly "changed his story" every time authorities fact-checked him — and was seen at a McDonald's suspiciously changing his clothes following the alleged drowning, according to The Montreal Gazette.

Frattolin's wet clothes and shoes were later found in a garbage bag dumped in the woods off I-87 upstate, Daly said in Essex County criminal court in Elizabethtown Thursday.

Prosecutors said Frattolin believed his daughter suffered from mental illness and claimed he had been planning to end her life since early 2025, according to CBS 6 Albany.

The accused killer dad's attorney, Brian Pilatzke, insisted Melina had in fact been kidnapped — and slammed the case as riddled with weak evidence

"This is a tragedy," Pilatzke said. "A young child is gone. Your duty is to decide whether Mr. Frattolin is guilty." *Natalie O'Neill*

Qns. 'road-rage slashing'

A meat cleaver-wielding maniac slashed a man in the head and body during a road-rage fit in Queens Thursday, cops and sources said.

The 47-year-old victim was driving when he got into a collision with another motorist around 5:30 a.m. at 126th Street and 26th Avenue in College Point, law enforcement sources said.

The other driver, behind the wheel of a Toyota, became enraged and stabbed the victim in the back of the head, left arm and chest with the serrated weapon, according to authorities and sources.

The victim was taken to NewYork Presbyterian-Queens Hospital, where he is expected to survive, police said.

The attacker fled the scene and had not been caught hours later, cops said. *Joe Marino and Amanda Woods*

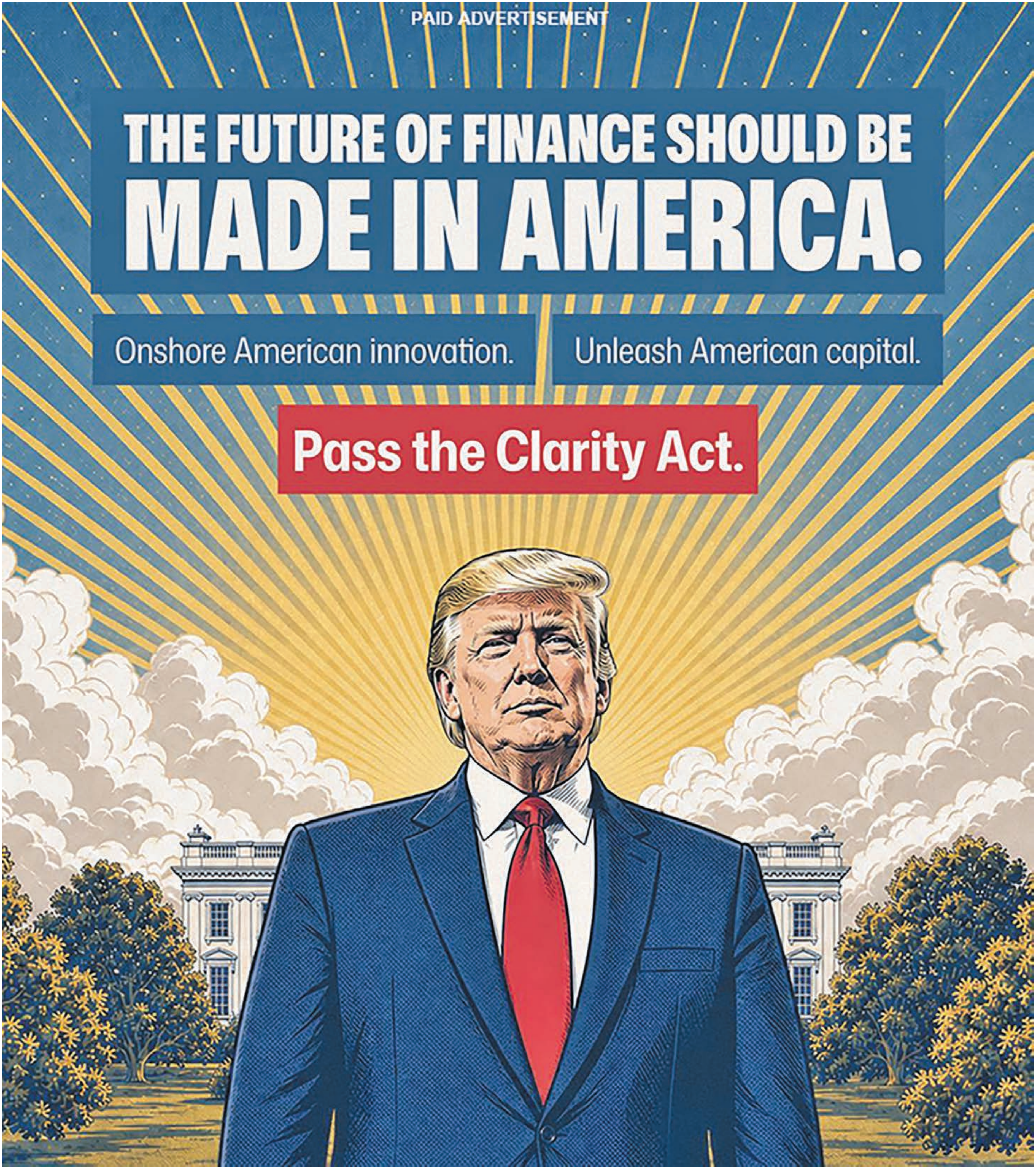
Cup 'sex trafficking' busts

The NYPD launched a massive human-trafficking crackdown during the FIFA World Cup — busting nearly 90 creeps and rescuing dozens of survivors, including a child being sex-trafficked from a hotel room.

A slew of operations before and during the 39-day international soccer tournament resulted in 89 arrests and the rescue of 43 people, Inspector Gary Marcus, commanding officer of the NYPD's Special Victims Unit, said on Thursday.

Seven of those rescued across the five boroughs are minors, Marcus said.

Investigators surveilled watch parties, dark corners of the internet and previously convicted sex traffickers during the 104-game tournament, which included eight games across the Hudson at MetLife Stadium. *Khristina Narizhnaya*



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THE AI EXEC

SPLITSVILLE: Chey Tae-won (above), the billionaire SK Group chair, will likely owe a fortune to his ex, Roh Soh-yeong (below) after admitting his affair with Kim Hee-young (left).

By ARIEL ZILBER

A Korean tech billionaire who publicly confessed to loving a woman other than his wife and fathering a child with her could be ordered to pay his ex-spouse nearly $1 billion as South Korea's "divorce of the century" nears a decisive ruling.

Chey Tae-won, the 65-year-old chairman of South Korea's SK Group and a major beneficiary of the AI-chip boom, stunned the country in 2015 with a three-page newspaper letter saying his marriage was beyond repair and he wanted a "clean end."

Now, as shares of SK Hynix — the memory-chip supplier whose chips help power Nvidia's AI systems — have skyrocketed roughly tenfold since the start of 2025, the fortune at the center of the country's so-called "divorce of the century" has ballooned, too.

His ex-wife, Roh Soh-yeong, 65, the daughter of former South Korean President Roh Tae-woo, is demanding half of Chey's assets. She's asked an appeals court to value them at today's sky-high prices — a move that legal experts say could boost her payout to nearly $1 billion.

A ruling is expected Friday.

The case has gripped South Korea for years — blending a love triangle, a former presidential family, alleged slush-fund money and a battle over control of a major technology conglomerate.

In publicly announcing his desire for a "clean end" to the marriage, Chey quoted the celebrated opening line of Leo Tolstoy's epic about adultery, "Anna Karenina:" "Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way."

Chey and Roh married in 1988 at the presidential Blue House, months after her father took office, in what was hailed as South Korea's "wedding of the century."

The other woman

Roh initially refused to grant him a divorce, saying she intended to protect the family. She later changed course, writing that it might be right to let her husband pursue the "happiness" he wanted.

The other woman in the love triangle, Kim Hee-young, is now Chey's longtime partner. Kim, who goes by the English name Chloe, leads a charitable foundation the couple established and has appeared in public alongside the billionaire. She's 50 years old, according to corporate filings cited by the Wall Street Journal.

Roh later sued Kim over the affair and won damages worth roughly $1.5 million after a court found the relationship and the child born outside the marriage had inflicted emotional harm.

At the heart of a retrial on the divorce proceedings is one deceptively simple question: How should Chey's fortune be valued?

Chey is arguing that the judges should use an earlier valuation, before the AI boom. Roh wants the court to use the much higher present-day figure.

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THE EX-WIFE

Pre-COVID bug-boost research

WASHINGTON — A War Department program requested proposals for so-called "gain of function" experiments that could make viruses more infectious nearly two full years before the COVID-19 pandemic began, a top US virologist told Congress earlier this year.

Dr. Ralph Baric, a prominent coronavirus researcher, told the Senate Homeland Security Committee in a closed-door interview April 10 that the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) had solicited proposals in January 2018 to understand "what drives cross-species jumping" in viruses.

"Now, if you want to know, down to the nucleotide level, what drives a cross-species jumping event, you are talking gain-of-function experiments," Baric told committee staffers, according to an interview transcript obtained by The Post.

Senate Homeland Security Committee Chairman Rand Paul (R-Ky.) is making Baric's full testimony available at a Reading Room webpage that is dedicated to providing Americans full transparency about the decisions surrounding viral research leading up to the global outbreak. *Josh Christenson*

Bertha hits Texas, La.

The National Hurricane Center said on Thursday that Tropical Storm Bertha had moved inland near the Texas-Louisiana border about 75 miles from Galveston, Texas.

The forecaster said the storm had maximum sustained winds of 45 miles per hour, spreading heavy rain across portions of coastal Texas.

The NHC added that Bertha was expected to gradually weaken and dissipate in a day or so.

A tropical storm warning was in effect for the Gulf Coast from Morgan City, Louisiana, to Sargent, Texas. *Reuters*

$70B 'TARIFF'IC JAM

Refunds must go to the people

MATTHEW LYNN

EVEN for an economy as large as the United States, $70 billion still counts as a significant sum of money. After the first round of President Trump's tariffs were ruled illegal by the Supreme Court, customs officials have already issued that amount in refund checks.

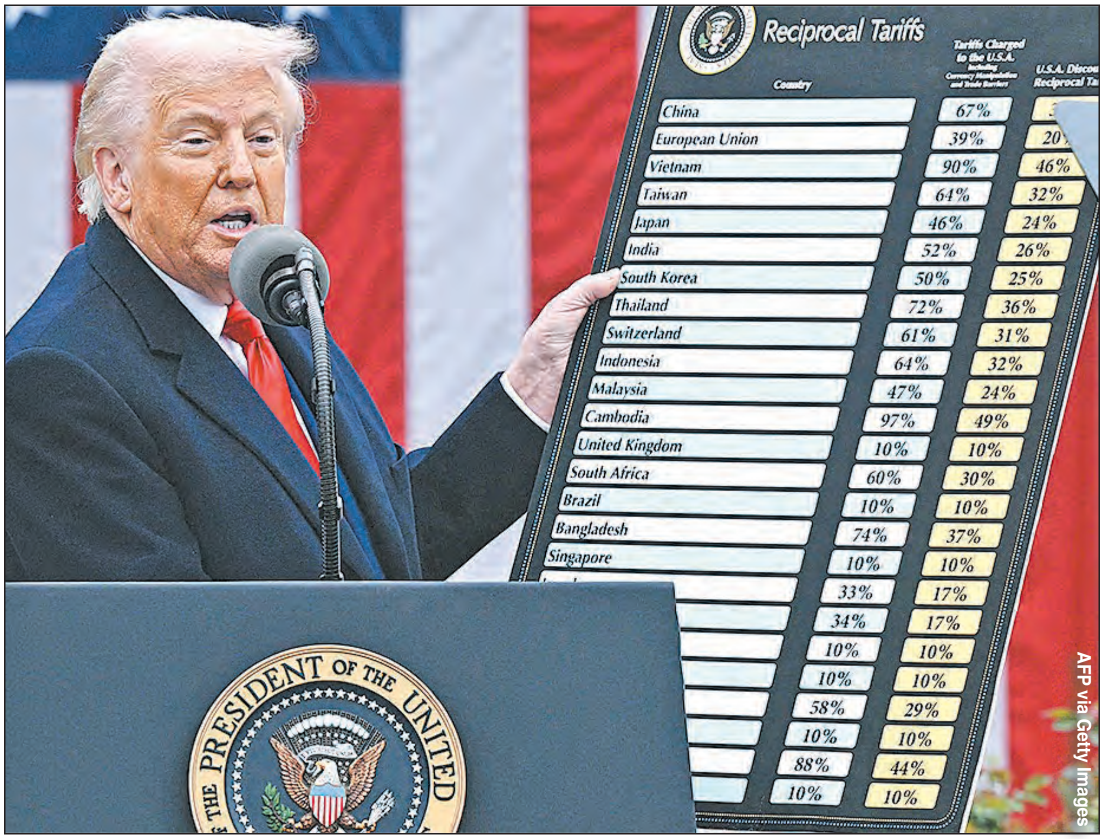
Here's the problem, however: none of it appears to have been passed on to consumers in the form of lower prices. In reality, corporate America is pocketing the money — but it is also playing with fire by inviting retaliation from President Trump.

Almost no major policy has ever been quite so chaotically implemented as the tariffs imposed by President Trump on the oddly named Liberation Day in April last year.

The levies were charged, then changed, then suspended, then imposed all over again, before the courts finally decided the White House had exceeded its authority, and the administration instead switched to a whole new argument for taxing imports.

The result? Not only has everyone been left bewildered by the changes of policy, much of the money collected the first time around now has to be sent back to the companies that paid it.

In June alone, $49 billion was refunded, and so far $70 billion has been sent out, with more on the way. In other words, serious money.



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DON'T MAKE HIM ANGRY: President Trump likely is keeping an eye on what companies do with the $70 billion in tariff refunds that have been paid out, and he could intervene if he doesn't see prices lowered.

Prices aren't falling

But where has it all gone? After all, you would expect that cash to flow back into the economy in two possible ways. Either it goes straight to the bottom line of the companies receiving it, as a kind of one-off bonus, or else it is passed on to customers in the form of lower prices. Judging by the data so far, remarkably little of it is showing up at the till.

The US inflation rate is still running at 3.5%, more than the Federal Reserve would like. Prices are definitely not falling, that is for sure.

It is hardly surprising that Democrats, and plenty populist leaders on the right as well, are seizing on that as proof of corporate greed. Big business used the tariffs as cover to raise prices, and now that the tariffs are being unwound, it is refusing to give the money back.

The corporate defense of what is happening makes very little sense.

Take the "inflation ate our margins" line that a few companies have been offering up as their excuse for holding onto the cash. It does not really stack up. Inflation in the US has been running at a fairly modest rate this year, and nothing like the spike of 2021 and 2022.

Oil, at around $80 a barrel, is hardly extraordinary once you adjust for inflation over the past decade. In fact, it is well within a normal historical range.

If companies want to argue that broader cost pressures have simply eaten the refund before it ever reached the consumer, they need a better argument than the current one, because the numbers clearly don't support it.

Pocketing the cash

What is actually happening is simpler, and less flattering. Companies are doing what companies generally do when nobody is keeping a close eye on them. They are just keeping the money. Perhaps in time competitive pressure will force them to lower prices. For now, however, they are hanging on to it.

Sure, it will boost the quarterly earnings, but it is a very risky strategy. President Trump has already shown, repeatedly, that he is more than willing to intervene directly in price setting when he decides a company or an industry is taking the American consumer for a ride.

He has already bullied the pharmaceutical firms over drug prices, claimed that Walmart cut prices at his request and claimed personal credit for cutting the price of eggs. He has intervened in price setting more often than any president since Richard Nixon in the early 1970s.

There is no reason to think tariffs will be any different.

If the White House decides that companies pocketed refunds that should, in fairness, have been passed through to customers, it would be entirely in character for Trump to intervene, whether through public pressure, procurement leverage or the threat of new tariffs targeted specifically at the worst offenders.

And, if we are being honest, even defenders of the free market will find it hard to blame him.

There is a real danger here to corporate America by sitting on this money rather than sharing it. A new round of tariffs is due to be unveiled this week. Rather than treating tariffs as a one-off pricing opportunity to be milked for fatter profit margin every time the policy shifts, the corporate giants would be far better served treating them as simply a fact of doing business under this administration.

They should learn to live with the tariffs, rather than try to keep the refunds every time Washington changes its mind.

If they don't, President Trump will almost certainly retaliate with full blown price controls. In the medium-term that will be worse for everyone. It would be far better to just give the money back — before it is too late.

From The Spectator

US hikes levies on 60 countries over forced labor

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is ratcheting up tariffs on 60 countries that have failed to ban imports made from forced labor, as 10% global duties are set to expire Friday.

Senior administration officials said Thursday that countries that have begun implementing a forced labor prohibition or put a law on their books will be hit with 10% duties, while those that haven't will face an import tax of 12.5% — with the levies taking effect at 12:01 a.m. Friday.

"The United States has had a forced labor import ban for nearly a century, and rigorously enforces it; it's well past time for our trading partners to do the same," said US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer.

"Today's action will begin to correct what is both a human rights abuse and distortive trade practice to improve the welfare of workers," Greer added.

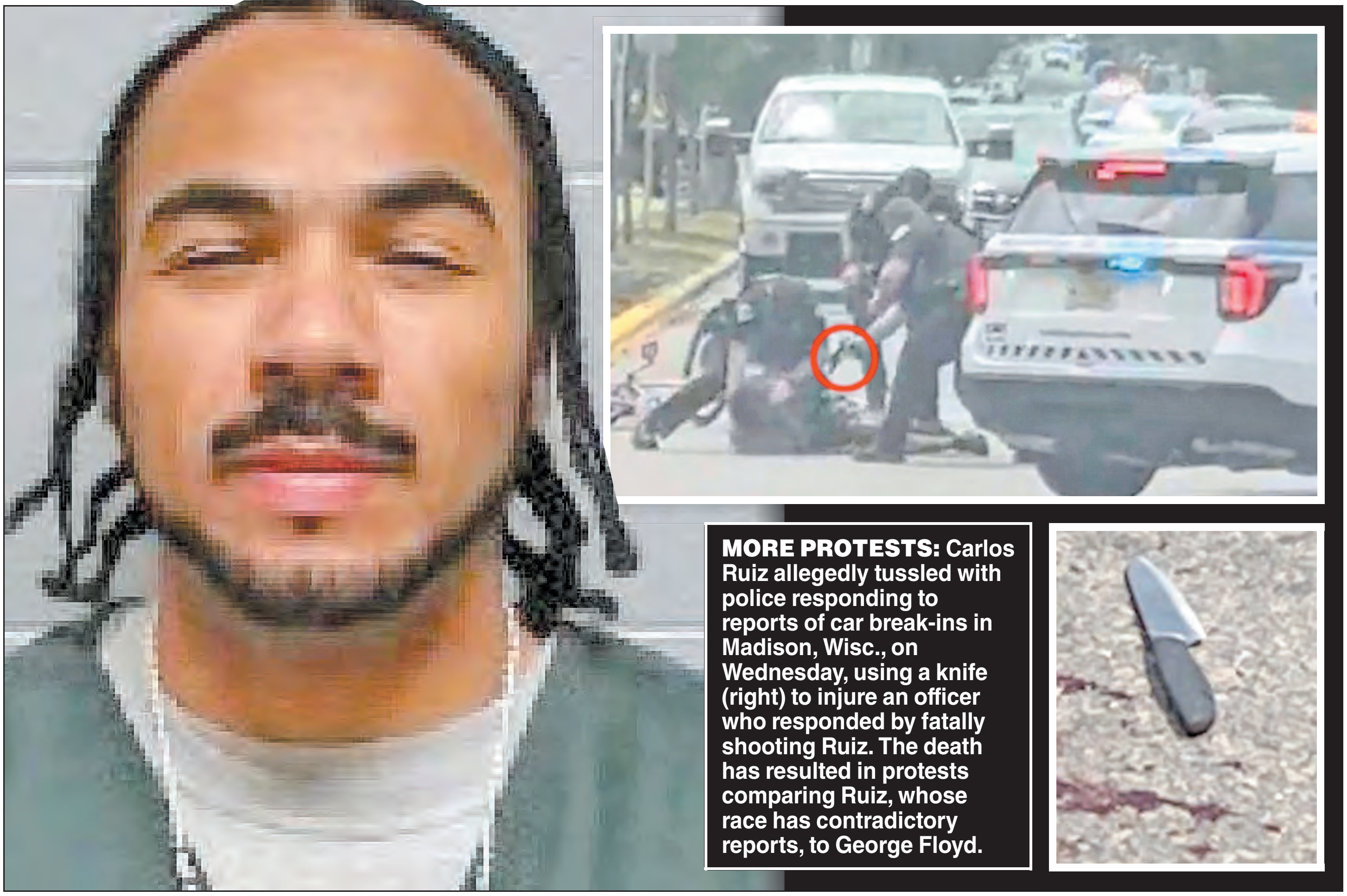
The 10% rate will apply to Argentina, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Canada, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, and the UK, according to the Office of the US Trade Representative.

The European Union nations, Taiwan, Japan, Korea and Switzerland will be hit with either 10% or 12.5% rates for certain products, per the office, while all other nations including China will get the 12.5% rate.

One official noted that India had been slapped with the lower 10% rate after passing a law to prevent products made with forced labor.

Josh Christenson

‘Arrest resist’ leads to fatality, local furor



Wisconsin Department of Corrections

MORE PROTESTS: Carlos Ruiz allegedly tussled with police responding to reports of car break-ins in Madison, Wisc., on Wednesday, using a knife (right) to injure an officer who responded by fatally shooting Ruiz. The death has resulted in protests comparing Ruiz, whose race has contradictory reports, to George Floyd.

‘STABBER’ SHOT DEAD

By JARED DOWNING
and GEORGIA WORRELL

A Wisconsin police officer fatally shot a man who authorities say stabbed him while resisting arrest — sparking growing protests in the state’s capital.

Corey Ruiz, 38, tussled with three cops in the middle of an intersection in Madison on Wednesday, before one shot him three times at point-blank range, police confirmed on Thursday.

Madison Police Chief John Patterson said Ruiz did not seem to have been handcuffed when he was shot, after reviewing video evidence — despite rumors he was cuffed and helpless.

“Officers tried to use a Taser on Ruiz, but it failed to bring him down,” the chief added.

Ruiz — a violent ex-con with a lengthy record, including for assaulting cops — injured an officer with a knife before police resorted to lethal force, according to authorities.

Within hours of the shooting, however, a crowd of protestors formed, chanting: “Arrest the cops!”

Activists have been quick to slam the killing as an act of oppression against black people and have drawn comparisons to the murder of George Floyd.

Yet public records contradict Ruiz’s race: Court records list him as black, while prison records list him as non-black Hispanic.

Patterson tried to offer his regret for the killing at a Thursday press briefing — but activists shouted him down and hijacked the podium.

Shouting at presser

One woman held up a sign that read, “Corrupt cops deserve to die too!! F--k you kill Peterson” — possibly referring to the city’s top cop, as a male comrade ranted about racism, local corruption and “Zionists.”

The pair were part of a group identifying themselves as “All Power to All People.”

The police chief stepped aside as the group’s spokesperson — who identified himself as Carlos Jackson — screamed into the microphone.

A shouting match quickly erupted when members of the public shot back at Jackson to stand down as city officials — including Madison Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway — stood idly by.

Patterson — after he reclaimed the podium — said all of the officers involved in the shooting have been placed on paid leave pending a state homicide investigation.

The harrowing incident unfolded after officers responded to reports of someone trying to break into parked cars in a trendy nabe just blocks away from the state Capitol building.

Ruiz — who initially tried to flee on his street bike, traveling through backyards to get away — eventually either fell off the bike or was taken off of it by officers, according to the police chief.

That’s when he pulled out a fix-blade knife and injured the same cop who later shot him, Patterson said, adding that the shooter was a veteran cop.

Ruiz was homeless and had struggled with mental illness and drug addiction, friends told the Washington State Journal.

In 2024, he was charged with resisting arrest, possession of drug paraphernalia and battery to a law enforcement officer, although the later charge was dismissed by request of the state, court records show.

Rogan pod guest turns into ‘killer’

Joe Rogan has claimed that a former guest on his podcast allegedly “cut a guy’s head off” in a gruesome New York City murder — just over a month after appearing on the show.

The revelation came during Wednesday’s episode of “The Joe Rogan Experience,” when Rogan was sitting down with physician Zach Bush and brought up his 2024 interview with accused killer Sheldon Johnson while mentioning sociopaths within society.

“We had a guy in the studio that cut a guy’s head off after the podcast. He killed a guy and cut his head off,” Rogan said.

The 58-year-old podcaster said Johnson appeared on the show alongside civil rights attorney Josh Dubin — executive director of the Perlmutter Center for Legal Justice, which advocates for the wrongfully convicted — and was sitting right across from him just weeks before allegedly committing the grisly killing.

“He does the podcast and then . . . visits this guy that apparently he had a beef with, kills him, cuts his head off, puts him in a [suitcase], like puts a wig on, and tries to escape in the hallway through the cameras,” Rogan shared.

Johnson — who was working as a criminal justice activist with Dubin at the time — was arrested in March 2024 after cops found a human torso in a blue bin and a head stashed in a freezer in a Bronx apartment belonging to 44-year-old Colin Small, the NYPD previously told The Post. *Richard Pollina*

‘Havana’ vic gets $650,000

One of the most well-known Havana Syndrome victims has settled his lawsuit against the State Department over the alleged “campaign of discrimination and retaliation” he faced for $650,000, The Post has learned.

Mark Lenzi alleged he faced retaliation for blowing the whistle on Havana Syndrome, a condition that numerous US personnel overseas have suffered from under mysterious conditions.

“This settlement is just the start — there are still 13 Deep State bureaucrats . . . responsible for retaliation and covering up evidence of these Russian pulsed microwave attacks,” Lenzi told The Post.

Havana Syndrome causes fatigue, ear pain, memory lapses, migraines, cognitive issues, hearing loss and dizziness. *Ryan King*

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Nama-*stay* for coveted cuisine

STEVE CUOZZO

SEAT FEAT: It can be tough to sit at popular Indian restaurants, including Adda in the East Village, and Ambassadors Clubhouse (inset) at Broadway and 30th Street.

Indian, city's hottest food

FORGET Japanese omakase, haute Korean set menus and trendy steakhouses.

The city's hardest-to-get restaurant reservations all have one thing in common — they're Indian.

And they're all terrific.

The subcontinent's kaleidoscopic, spice-drenched flavors are here at higher quality and in greater variety — from the rich curries of the north to the delicate dosas of the south — than ever before. They're in greater demand, too: Reservations at some new places are as hard to come by as those at The Eighty Six and The Polo Bar.

Ambassadors Clubhouse, an opulent, 140-seat London import that debuted its Punjabi fare in NYC earlier this year, limits guests "to one reservation per month to ensure we can accommodate as many guests as possible," according to its website. Musaafer won't let you book earlier than two weeks ahead for dinner starting at 5 p.m., although you'll have better luck for lunch.

You gotta click quick

The acclaimed, Michelin-starred Semma won't let you book fewer than 15 days ahead — and then, only if you're lucky. Its reservation site goes live 15 days in advance of any given date at 9 a.m, and you have to be quick with your keyboard clicks. Its sister restaurant, Adda, requires equally fast fingers to book.

Bungalow opened two years ago in the East Village, but it's still nearly impossible to grab a table, so much so that I gave up waiting for availability starting "exactly at 11 a.m., 20 days in advance except Tuesdays," according to its friendly site.

But, if you can nab a reservation at these spicy spots, the rewards are numerous — and delicious.

My favorite single new dish is the malvani macchi — black bass simmered in a multi-layered, cream curry — from Unapologetic Foods' Adda. Executive chef Neel Kajale calls it "a taste of my childhood Sundays."

As in the best Indian cookery, the essences reveal themselves not in a cluster bomb but sequentially — coconut first, then tangy kokum, followed by a blast of Szechuan pepper-like triphal spice.

At Semma, another Unapologetic place, the triangular gunpowder dosa blew me away. A blend of ground chile spices lights the fuse in a ginger-and mustard-imbued potato masala inside the thin, ghee-griddled envelope — a fluffy-and-crisp tactile pleasure.

The skyrocketing growth of Indian fare in NYC — a cuisine previously defined by tomato-bathed chicken tikka masala and underspiced lamb saag gosht — came after the pandemic.

Big Apple restaurant-lovers were ready for something new and challenging after the pandemic year of bland takeout and dishes dumbed down for outdoor service.

Unapologetic Food CEO Roni Mazumdar and chef Chitan Pandya launched the game-changing Dhamaka on Delancey Street in February 2021, just days after the lockdown ended.

The restaurant swiftly became one of Manhattan's hardest-to-book places, thanks to what I called "cauldrons of palate-tingling surprises" like chicken pulao fired by garam masala made from ground mace, cinnamon, dried chili and cardamom.

Later that year, the duo opened Semma, focusing on rural southern Indian cuisine from chef Vijay Kumar's home state of Tamil Nadu, and the equally creative Adda.

The Indian hot spots offer both unique regional dishes and adaptations of familiar favorites that are far better than the takeout standards.

Of course, the city had great Indian restaurants long before COVID. Avtar Walia's elegant Tamarind Tribeca is currently celebrating its 25th anniversary, while Indian Accent and Junoon have also long offered upscale takes on the complex cuisine of the country.

Walia recalled opening the original Tamarind on East 22nd Street decades ago, with the help of the celebrated, Hyderabad-born chef Raji Jallepalli.

"Our goal was to bring Indian cuisine to a different level," Walia told me. Although Jallepalli died in 2002, her Chilean sea bass, or hasiru samudra, is still on the menu.

'Jesus!' Eric got a bump

He went from nightlife mayor to eternal life — at least in China!

Former Mayor Eric Adams was targeted in a series of bonkers videos inspired by Chinese AI slop — including one with a fake voiceover showing him declaring, "I am Jesus Christ."

In one of the bizarre social media videos, Adams is falsely shown standing in a church, claiming to be the son of God and making racist predictions about the US.

"My name is Eric Leroy Adams, I am Jesus Christ," he declares in the phony footage. "I'm gonna give you a new Libertarian constitution."

The oddly disorienting video then shows AI Adams making a religious "prophesy."

"They are going to have all the minorities deported... because there are so many minorities in California," he says in the video, which was posted last year. "They are, as well, going to place the police in jail."

"OK, and that was a prophesy," AI Adams says before signing off.

Other fake AI footage of Adams on social media shows him doing everything from "life hacks" to cooking to extolling the virtues of rare stones. *Hannah Fierick and Natalie O'Neill*

Feds drop bias rules

The US Education Department said on Thursday it was removing several "disparate impact" regulations, which for decades have prohibited policies and practices with discriminatory impacts that are often unintended.

Sixty civil rights and education groups issued a statement condemning the change, saying the regulations being removed were crucial to protect students from systemic discrimination based on race, color and national origin.

The move is part of a wider push by President Trump against diversity initiatives. *Reuters*

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Polo Bar ponies up for move

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THIS is an offer that could not be refused.

After more than a decade, **Ralph Lauren**'s Polo Bar is leaving the wood-paneled Midtown perch that made it a fixture of New York's high-society scene, The Post's **Mary K. Jacob** and **Kyra Breslin** confirm.

Related Companies has secured a deal to relocate the see-and-be-seen restaurant from 55th and Fifth to an office tower it's building four blocks north at 625 Madison Ave., according to a source. And Related is sweetening the deal with a rent break that could stretch on for years, another source tells us.

The developer has offered Polo Bar at least two years of free rent to make the move, the source said, as part of a broader push that also includes courting the restaurant's parent company to expand into Palm Beach, on the heels of a planned London expansion.

Related didn't comment, and Polo Bar didn't get back to us.

Polo Bar's relocation is viewed as a major drive in demand for the tower, which will be completed in 2029. At least three major companies are close to signing leases, the source said, citing "restaurants and ground-floor retail space acting as an amenity to the office tenants upstairs."

The second source said the new space would give the restaurant significantly more room than its current location.

Penn Portman, who recently celebrated a birthday at the restaurant, told The Post, "If another location helps being able to get reservations easily, I'm extremely down."

Molly Friedman, 34, a longtime New Yorker and Polo Bar regular, told The Post she is skeptical the move would preserve what makes the restaurant special, describing the downstairs space as central to its appeal.

"The point of the downstairs is that it is like a cave. [It's] sexy and it brings so many personalities," she said. "If they cater to the office type, I'm not sure what vibe that's going to bring. Obviously they will make it stunning and the food will be great. But [it's] all about the mood."

Apology in 'action'

COURTNEY Stodden wants more from "Seinfeld" star **Jason Alexander** after he apologized for rubbing her breasts in a comedy video when she was underage. Stodden, 31, told Variety she was "very taken aback" that he apologized because she hasn't "heard a lot of adults take accountability." "I was grateful because I think that's the first step in change," she said. But Stodden — who was 16 when she married **Doug Hutchison**, then 51, in 2011 — thinks "it would be even better" if Alexander, 66, took "action" by supporting anti-child marriage laws. Earlier this week, she ripped a 2012 Funny or Die sketch where he rubs his phone on a 17-year-old Stodden's breasts. He said, "I truly regret it."

A 'Dream' role

SURI Noelle, **Katie Holmes** and **Tom Cruise**'s 20-year-old daughter, will perform in an adaptation of a Shakespeare comedy with her fellow Carnegie Mellon students, PageSix.com's **Bernie Zilio** reports. Suri (above) dropped "Cruise" and has been using her mother's middle name as her surname since graduating from LaGuardia HS in 2024. She'll star in "Midsummer!," a modern take on "A Midsummer Night's Dream," in Pittsburgh next weekend. We hear she's majoring in musical theater, after she was "leaning toward" fashion.

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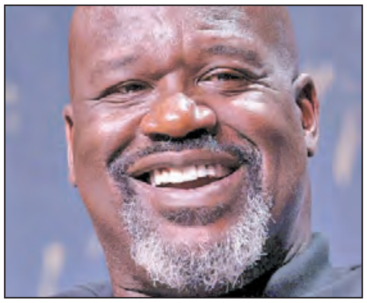
Born to run in Jersey City: Margaret Qualley, who just split from husband Jack Antonoff, takes off while filming a remake of horror movie "Possession" in the Garden State.

'Candy Shop' cake

GO shawty — it's your birthday! No, really. **50 Cent** turned the after-party for his new Starz series "Fightland" into a surprise birthday party for his longtime publicist, **Amanda Ruisi**. After the premiere of the crime drama at Lincoln Center, the rapper and producer hosted a packed bash at PH Live — the $100 million nightlife and entertainment venue he launched with Planet Hollywood founder **Robert Earl** in Times Square this April. The festivities switched gears when Fiddy surprised the flack executive with a birthday cake as guests erupted in cheers before singing along to his signature anthem, "In da Club." The rap legend took the stage with a string of surprise guests, including fellow G Unit members **Uncle Murda** and **Tony Yayo** and Brooklyn rapper **Sleepy Hallow**, transforming the exclusive post-premiere celebration into a full-fledged concert.



Calls personal foul

SHAQUILLE O'Neal had a few words for **Dave Portnoy**. "Dave talks a lot," O'Neal exclusively told PageSix.com's **Lauren Sarner** after the Barstool Sports founder called **Tom Brady**'s post-NFL career "cringey" and "lame." "He's one of those lucky guys who had a lot of success. So, he thinks his point of view is important," O'Neal (above) said. "I'd be glad if somebody punches him in the face. And I hope it's Tom. I try to be nice, [but] you can tell him I said that." He argued that "idiots" like Portnoy have opinions that "never" matter. O'Neal also said of his longtime pal Brady, "He knows exactly what he's doing, and he's doing it so well." As Page Six reported, Portnoy argued Brady is ruining his legacy in a "Wake Up Barstool" rant earlier this week.

Mean streets of the Hamptons

LAST year, Page Six revealed that Hamptonites were in a huff over traffic jams and brunch-time chaos outside the tiny-but-trendy Sagaponack General Store. Now we hear that the matter is roiling village board meetings. At the most recent one, a local called the situation "wild" and "unsafe." Another said, "It's scary crossing the street in front of the General Store," and a third fretted about kids biking to the beach amid the hordes roaming the streets in search of artisanal egg sandwiches. Not helping: **Justin** and **Hailey Bieber** were spotted grabbing snacks there. One resident complained there is "honking" and "car alarms" that remind him of his place in Brooklyn. (God forbid!) **Mindy Gray**, wife of billionaire Blackstone president **Jon Gray**, bought the quaint market — nestled in the nation's second-richest ZIP code — in 2020 for a reported $3.8 million. Now TikTokers are stopping by in droves, with a source telling us, "It's become viral . . . People are sitting out back and taking pictures of their food. Things that would annoy any neighbor, but especially wealthy neighbors that want peace and quiet." Mayor **Bill Tillotson** told us he's speaking with Southampton police about enforcement. Mindy told Page Six: "Our priority remains the safety of the Sagaponack community."

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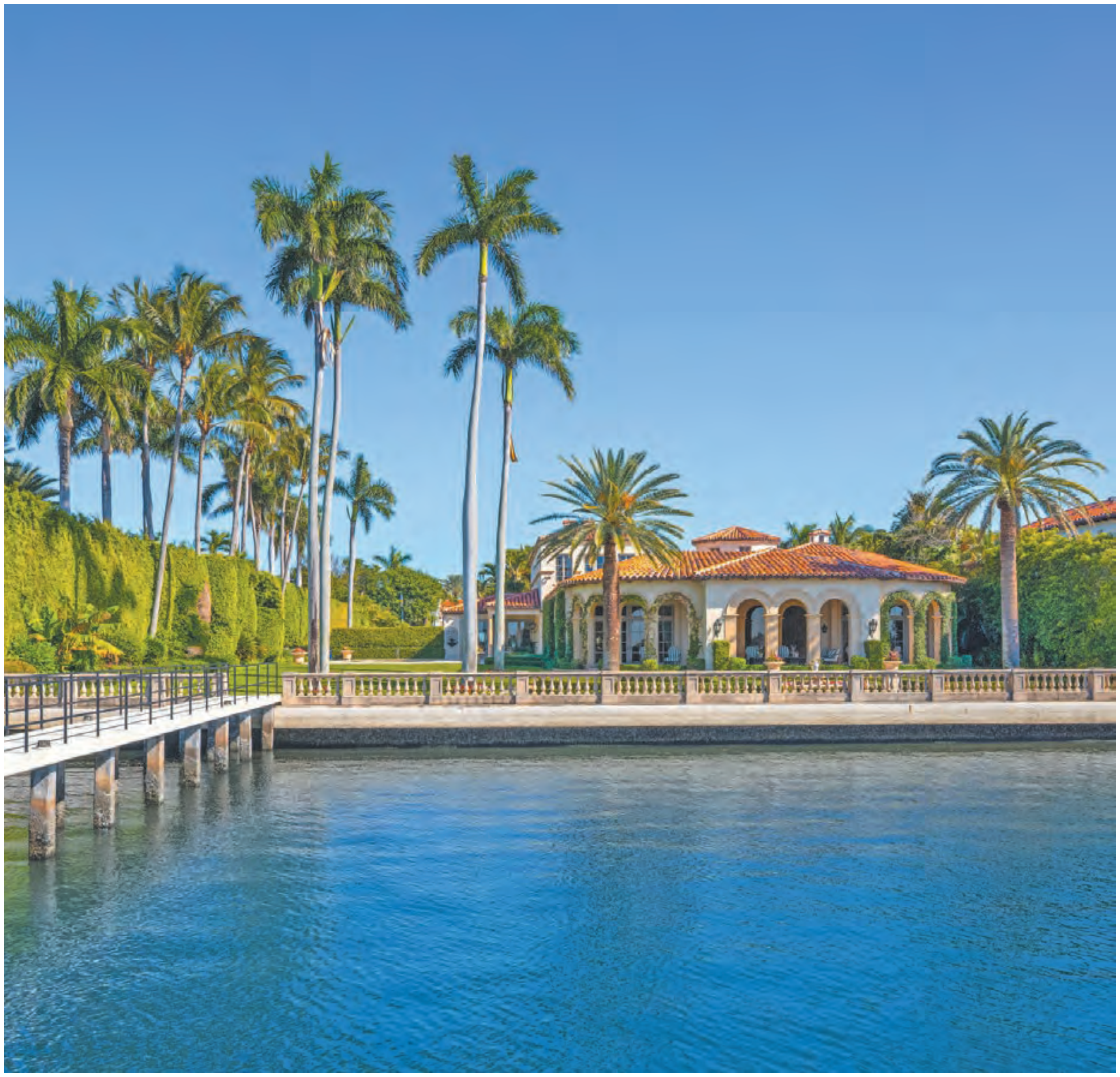

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'SHORE' IS NICE! An endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle named Pancake is set free in Coney Island Thursday after months of rehab.

Freedom's a *shell*ebration

By KATHERINE DONLEVY

It was a shell yeah! moment.

A very nervous endangered turtle made its grand return to the Coney Island sea as local kids cheered it on — months after the reptile nearly froze to death.

Pancake — a Kemp's ridley sea turtle — slowly crawled toward the shoreline as dozens of children cheered.

It stopped several times along the short journey to take in its new freedom.

"Go, Pancake! You can do it!" the kids shouted on the beach as they raised handmade signs for the animal.

The tear-jerking moment marked the first time Pancake had touched open water since Nov. 22 — when the cold-stunned chelonian washed up on the freezing shores of Cape Cod.

Pancake was suffering from hypothermia, which essentially paralyzed the reptile and would have been a death sentence if it hadn't been rushed to the New England Aquarium for care.

Officials discovered that the 11-pound turtle was between 2 and 5 years old — making the creature just a baby considering its 50-year life span.

Its sex is unknown because determining gender would require a blood test that was not necessary for its recovery.

Pancake was stable enough after 10 days to join 24 other Kemp's ridley sea turtles for a journey to the Atlantic Marine Conservation Society in Westhampton Beach, with support from the Wildlife Conservation Society/New York Aquarium and other nonprofits.

The turtles — which were all given breakfast menu-inspired names like Fritter and Mimosa — spent weeks being treated for hypothermia, gaining back their strength and proving they could hunt down shrimp and clams on their own.

Their survival is essential to their species, which was listed as endangered in 1970 after years of habitat loss, egg over-harvesting and drownings brought on by accidental catches.

There are now estimated to be at most 9,000 nesting adult females across the globe, though their numbers fluctuate drastically every year, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"Eleven pounds of pancake sounds like a lot — a little bit too much to eat ... but this should be a reminder that while we're out there, these animals are in our waters and there are natural threats that are out there," said Rob DiGiovanni, the founder and chief scientist at the AMSEAS.

World Series champs to WH

President Trump welcomed the MLB champion Los Angeles Dodgers to the Rose Garden Thursday — boasting about recent renovations to the venue, while also revealing he had "a little bet" with Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney on the World Series.

Trump didn't reveal what the two world leaders gambled on in the instant classic versus the Toronto Blue Jays that LA squeaked out in seven games.

The president gushed about Dodgers' superstar Shohei Ohtani — saying "Babe Ruth was pretty close" to the player — whom he called "the best pitcher and the best hitter at the same time."

Trump marveled over Ohtani's three-homer feat against the Milwaukee Brewers in the series-clinching Game 4 of the NLCS on Oct. 17, 2025 — sending the Dodgers to the World Series.

The president told guests of his newly updated Rose Garden that the event was the first to feature a sports team since the renovations — pointing out the adjacent Presidential Walk of Fame.

Steven Nelson

Fart chart at long 'passed'

This study's a stinker.

Researchers decided to find out how frequently we fart in a day, counting the gas passed by 6,400 people across Australia — and collecting data on all 360,192 of their toots.

Given how flatulence can give us insight into gut health, it's surprising how little we know about the line between what's good and what's excessive, researchers say.

Scientists had to solve a problem: How do you count farts?

This year, researchers at the University of Maryland created Smart Underwear, a small device that snaps onto underwear and sensors track farts automatically.

There was also the option to insert something into the bum to measure gas getting built up.

The problem there is people often hold it to release in a more socially acceptable place.

So, an Australian team came up with a solution: They gave participants a smartphone app where they could log their toots as soon as possible after their release.

On average, people fart five times a day, the study showed.

Men recorded more farts than women: 5.2 vs. 4.8 a day, on average.

Allie Yang

Dua's a Yankee 'cap'tain

Back from her Italian honeymoon with Callum Turner, British-born Dua Lipa is a Yankee doodle dandy Thursday in a Bronx Bombers cap as she heads to Electric Lady Studios in the Village for what's rumored to be a recording session for her next album.

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'CAM SLAM' VICTOR

Staffer sues, wins

By ASIA GRACE

She's refused to be on screen. Now she's raking in the green.

Money will soon be zooming to Laura Tait's front door as the "anxious" work-from-home travel consultant has successfully sued her ex-employer for forcing her to be on camera during a business video call, infringing on her disability rights.

An employment tribunal, held in South London, recently ruled Tait's former company, Holiday Extras, a vacation ancillary service, failed to adequately provide "reasonable adjustments" to suit her anxiety, including the "ability to join meetings with camera off" and allowing her to do fewer voice calls during the workday, per reports.

The court has deemed the misstep a form of disability discrimination under UK employment law, awarding Tait an undetermined amount in compensation.

The remote travel pro, who was hired for Holiday Extras' call center in June 2021, reportedly informed the job that work-induced stress had triggered a string of "absences related to her anxiety" by April 2022. The reoccurring absences continued until Tait officially requested "emergency time off" due to "burn out."

'Fairness' at issue

In July 2023, the struggling staffer told a new line manager that "the only thing that would help her" would be to undertake more live chat and email shifts, rather than telephone or video call duties — even though her role required frequent customer service calls.

Executives allegedly told Tait she "could not be scheduled more chats and emails than average due to fairness and workloads," but would be accommodated wherever possible.

Unfortunately, the seemingly sweet deal was shortlived.

During a remote training session on Aug. 24, 2023, Tait reportedly felt "super anxious" and requested permission to remain off camera for the meeting. Despite the plea, she was "asked to start with it on and to see how she went."

"However, she was not able to cope and so she was told that was fine and to log off."

Tait was ultimately granted sick leave in October 2023, owing to work-related stress and anxiety, and has not yet returned.

Overturned

Her discrimination accusation came in April 2024, nearly a year after she was urged to join the training on camera. The grievance, however, was dismissed that October, and her appeal against this decision was not granted.

But the tides still turned in Tait's favor.

Employment Judge Liz Ord said, "[Holiday Extras] did not allow the requested adjustment on Aug. 24, 2023, when they were first made aware of [Ms Tait] being overwhelmed."

"However, they did not require her to come on camera thereafter and [the COO] formally agreed to the adjustment on Oct. 4, 2024," added the jurist. "Nonetheless, we take the view that the adjustment was reasonable and should have been put in place from Aug. 24. 2023."

The judge determined that Tait was left with "substantial disadvantages in the workplace" due to the company's failure to make reasonable adjustments.

Tait's compensation will be decided at a later date.

The WFH winner isn't the only 9-to-5er to, literally, grow sick and tired of the demanding daily grind.

Annie Surman, 28, a Columbia graduate who suffered from "anxiety and depression resulting from extreme work stress," tragically committed suicide due to corporate changes at NYC data storage firm, MongoDB.

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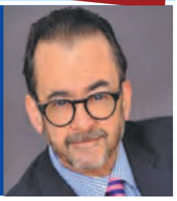

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Suburbs see rent roomies

Nearly 5.6 million, or 12%, of US renter households now include roommates — a 21% increase over the past decade, according to a new survey from StorageCafe, a nationwide storage marketplace.

But rather than crowding into cities, renters are moving to suburban and secondary hubs like Jersey City, where renters with roommates save a whopping $13,000 per year — more than roomies in any other city.

In Irvine, Calif.; Atlanta; and Raleigh, NC, "living with roommates delivers the greatest financial and lifestyle advantages," StorageCafe found.

Nationwide, splitting rent in a two-bedroom apartment rather than living alone in a one-bedroom saves people about $6,700 per year — enough to pay down high-interest debt. That can make a real difference when 43.5 million households spend more than 30% of their income on housing.

Shared living isn't just for twenty-somethings anymore. Millennials now account for over a third, or 1.9 million, of all roommate households, according to the survey, which analyzed the country's 100 largest cities. *Lauren Elkies Schram*

Protests rock India

Indian activist Sonam Wangchuk ended a 26-day hunger strike Friday over leaked medical school entrance exam papers that protesters say enabled cheating, but demonstrations demanding the education minister's resignation were set to continue in the biggest youth-led challenge to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government.

Youth protesters, led by the self-named Cockroach Janta Party movement, demand that Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan resign over the leaks that affected some 2 million students in May and are linked to several student suicides. *Reuters*

ADRENALINE RUSH

IT'S NOT EASY: Ex-New Yorker-turned Miami resident Jordyn Taylor said she was so wiped out after her first HYROX race that she probably vomited, she says, but quickly signed up for another event.

HYROX (2)

'Absurd' HYROX is taking over NYC

By SEAN ABRAMS

Miami resident Jordyn Taylor was so wiped out after her first HYROX race that her planned celebratory dinner turned into a night on the couch with electrolyte drinks.

"I think I puked at some point," she confessed.

Within days, she had signed up for another event.

"I was so electrified by the adrenaline of that first experience," Taylor, 34, an author and former Men's Health executive editor, told The Post — admitting that after a short recovery period, she was once again raring to go.

What hooked her in, she said, was the rush of feeling powerful — while submitting to something objectively absurd.

Welcome to the strange world of HYROX, the grueling global fitness race that has become NYC's loudest, most look-at-me, cult-iest workout obsession — where fanatics pay hundreds of dollars to run, row, ski, push sleds, pull sleds, carry weights, lunge with sandbags, and throw wall balls — then, once they're done, they do it all over again.

Expanded quickly

HYROX has had the strange velocity of a trend that seems to arrive fully formed.

One month, it was the fitness challenge only gymheads were participating in. Then suddenly, it was all over social media and group chats, with weekend training plans squeezed in between bottomless brunches.

During the race, brave participants must complete a 1-kilometer run immediately followed by a workout station, like pushing a 225-pound sled or performing weighted walking lunges — for eight rounds as fast as they can.

Race registration alone can run into the hundreds, while training at a popular gym like The Training Lab NYC on W. 39th St., an official HYROX partner, will run you $50 a session, or $425 a month for a three-month HYROX prep regimen.

And don't forget new shoes, pricey supplements — and the all-important photo packages.

For all the muscle and buzz now behind the brand, HYROX was built around a simple idea — to create a race for people who were already serious about gym training but wanted a clear, standardized way to test that work.

All-encompassing

And leave it to NYC to become one of the brand's biggest stages.

A representative for the company told The Post the first Big Apple event in 2024 drew 5,000 athletes and major social attention. This season, those numbers more than tripled — with entries selling out "in mere seconds."

An 11-day NYC takeover around the event drew more than 50,000 participants. The Empire State Building even glowed in HYROX yellow at one point.

By the time HYROX started to feel unavoidable, there were already people building their weeks — and their friendships — around it.

That's definitely been the case for Taylor, who said she has now completed four races — both solos and doubles, or races with a partner. She leans towards the latter.

"There's no feeling like giving your partner the world's sweatiest, most adrenaline-filled hug on the HYROX finisher's stage at the end of the race," she explained.

Feds rip Kat's upstate solar push

By CHADWICK MOORE

GOV. Hochul's support of sprawling solar energy fields in rural upstate New York has caught the ire of three federal agencies — and one country music star — who are demanding answers about the state's "rush" to approve projects "without fully accounting for their long term costs."

USDA Sec. Brooke Rollins and EPA Chief Lee Zeldin, along with country singer John Rich, have co-signed a letter skewering the Hochul administration's industrialization of prime farmland for solar energy complexes while potentially laying the costs on rural communities.

"Nothing is more insulting to hardworking New Yorkers than Albany politicians who think they know it all and enthusiastically override local control and railroad local communities," Zeldin told The Post.

"The recent actions of Hochul and her allies to force upstate communities to take on the burden of far more solar farms on agricultural land is on-brand elitism that New Yorkers have grown to despise."

Zeldin, a former congressman from Long Island, said the letter aims to get "answers from Hochul about her heavy-handed steamrolling over America's most productive farmland."

Residents shut out

The inquest follows The Post's exclusive reporting on communities across the state that are outraged by the projects — saying they are not only a blight on the landscape but also present economic and environmental catastrophe.

Local residents have been blocked from discussions about the projects and only offered performative town hall meetings with developers, they told The Post.

Meanwhile, a third federal agency, the Small Business Administration, has joined the objection, alarmed by "regulatory arbitrage" against small-time farmers.

"New York has two-and-a-half-million small businesses and we're watching a state apparatus go against these small businesses in favor of 18 large solar farms that are going to only raise the cost of operating for those . . . small businesses, which employ nearly half of New York's population," SBA chief Kelly Loeffler told The Post. "This is an example of big government overreach. That is the promise of socialism."

As for the farmland itself, "America has become a net importer of food, as of the Biden administration, because of policy that disrespects agriculture and tries to replace agriculture with climate activism," Loeffler said.

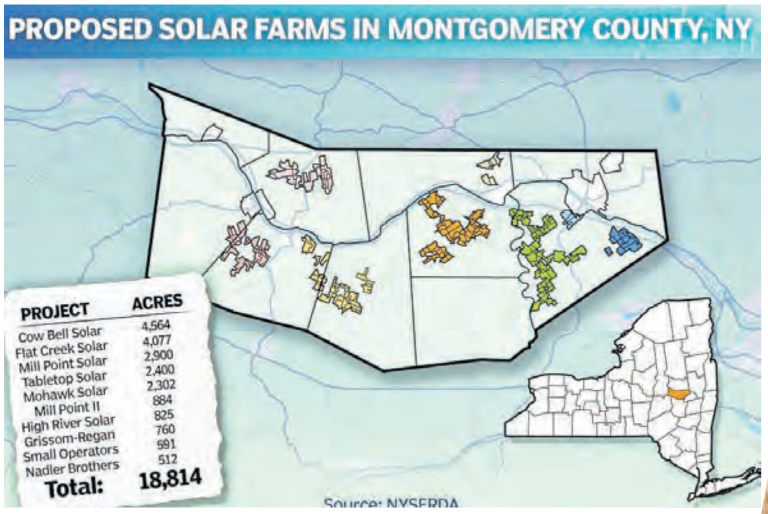
"These are farmers operating a small business designed to feed, fuel and clothe America. And the climate lobby is exerting pressure through these regulatory bodies to really have regulatory arbitrage against small businesses."

On July 10, the Trump Administration appointed Rich, of the Nashville duo Big & Rich, as Special Envoy for American Landowners under the USDA — with a primary mission to "be an advocate for farmers, ranchers, foresters & other landowners with matters related to renewable energy development projects."

Rich has turned his attention to New York, where 18 solar complexes are being developed across the state, including the 4,000-acre (6.25-square-mile), 500-megawatt Cider Solar Farm in Genesee County and the 2,000-acre (3.1-square-mile) Ridge View Solar Farm in Niagara County.

The solar bonanza is part of New York's green energy mandate that went into effect with 2019's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act and requires 70% of statewide electricity to come from "renewable" sources, along with a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions to 40% below 1990 levels and at least 3,000 megawatts of energy storage capacity.

Many of these multibillion-dollar solar contracts have been farmed out to foreign companies — including Canada's Boralex, France's EDF Renew-



PROPOSED SOLAR FARMS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, NY

PROJECT	ACRES
Cow Bell Solar	4,564
Flat Creek Solar	4,077
Mill Point Solar	2,900
Tabletop Solar	2,400
Mohawk Solar	2,302
Mill Point II	884
High River Solar	825
Grissom-Regan	760
Small Operators	591
Nadler Brothers	512
Total:	**18,814**

Source: NYSERDA

IT'S SUN-BELIEVABLE: USDA head Brooke Rollins (from near right), country singer John Rich and federal small-biz boss Kelly Loeffler want answers from Gov. Hochul on the massive solar farm push upstate eating up prime agricultural farmland.

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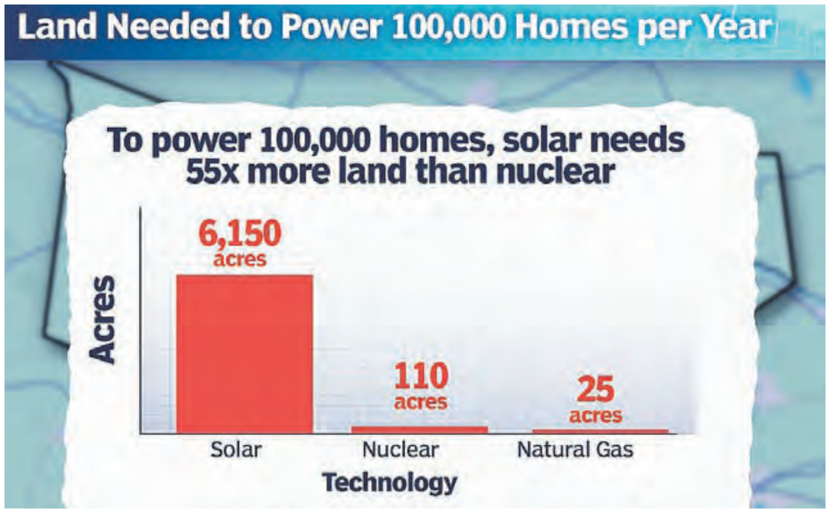
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ables and South Korea's Cypress Creek Renewables, The Post has found.

The state also has sidestepped the federal USDA soil ranking system, which is used to identify and protect the nation's most high-yield farmland.

"We have a lot of ways to produce electricity: nuclear, natural gas, coal, hydro. We only have one way to grow food, and that's prime farmland," Robert Bryce, a Texas-based author and energy industry insider, told The Post. "New York really needs to take a sober look at what is really happening here, because this headlong rush to pave rural America is a big mistake."

In 2020, New York's energy authority, NYSERDA, quietly replaced references to the USDA national standard "Prime Farmland" with New York's own "Mineral Soil Groups (MSG) 1-4" in renewable energy guidance and incentive programs, an analysis by The Post reveals.

This, critics claim, allowed New York to have its own in-house metric to set rules for what counts as "high-value" farmland — including what taxes and penalties developers have to pay, or not, for building on the most productive soils.

Rollins and other Trump administration officials have blasted the new soil ranking system as a scheme to fast-track solar projects onto historically high-yield prime farmland and bypass the more restrictive federal classifications.

While there is heavy overlap, tension has emerged between the two ranking systems. In their letter, Rollins and Zeldin point to the Mill Point Solar complex, a proposed 250-megawatt facility sitting on 2,600 acres in Montgomery County.

"USDA's classification system identified more than 82% of the affected land as prime farmland or its equivalent, while New York's MSG system counted only 11% of that same land as prime," the letter stated regarding that site.

"On some parcels where panels are proposed, USDA considers the acreage to be entirely prime farmland or its equivalent, while New York classifies less than 5% — or none — of it as prime."

Meanwhile, Hochul has run in the opposite direction regarding data centers, announcing last week a moratorium of up to one year on construction of new ones that use more than 50 megawatts of electricity — roughly enough to power 40,000 homes.

Comparable data centers sit on a modest 15-40 acre sites. But New York has already placed industrial-scale solar complexes on an estimated 11,000 acres of USDA-certified prime farmland, according to an analysis by the Solar Energy Industries Association, a trade group.

The USDA has the ability to block taxpayer dollars and limit subsidies to solar projects sitting on certified prime farmland.

Abysmal output

Montgomery County, west of Albany and one of the state's poorest areas, is in the crosshairs for 18,000 acres of solar complexes — larger than the island of Manhattan and over 7% of the county's entire geographic area.

But even all that land will produce an abysmal amount of electricity. An analysis by The Post reveals that in upstate New York, a dizzying 24,000 acres of solar panels — roughly the footprint of Paris, France — are required to equal the output of one typical natural gas facility, which takes up about 25 acres and powers 250,000 homes annually.

Environmentalists, along with Zeldin's EPA, are sounding the alarm on an impending tsunami of green energy garbage that they fear Hochul has no plan to deal with. Industrial solar panels have a lifespan of roughly 15 years and contain toxic metals like lead, cadmium and arsenic.

"In a few years, the volume of discarded panels will be equal to or greater than all the panels being deployed today. We are facing a massive solid waste disposal crisis for which there appears to be, at the moment anyway, no recycling infrastructure in place," Bryce said.

A spokesperson for Gov. Hochul boasted that New York was a "national leader in agricultural land protections" and had "invested hundreds of millions of dollars toward protecting agricultural land since the inception of the State Farmland Protection Program in 1992."

New York "maintains robust environmental and agricultural protections for the development of new energy infrastructure projects. Under Governor Kathy Hochul, the state has increased its support of the Farmland Protection Program, which has now preserved more than 138,000 acres of prime farmland. New York energy project development is occurring only on land that is willingly leased by landowners," the spokesperson told The Post.

The governor's office has yet to respond to the letter, which set a July 26 deadline, a representative from the EPA confirmed.

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Crim complaint in Don foe case

Misled House panel: GOP

By VICTOR NAVA

Former special counsel Jack Smith was hit with a criminal referral Wednesday for allegedly misleading House lawmakers about the Biden-era investigation into President Trump.

In his complaint to the Justice Department, House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) contended that newly released records appear to contradict Smith's testimony to the panel that he did not obtain or review text messages from lawmakers as his team looked into Trump's alleged efforts to interfere in the 2020 election.

"The Committee on the Judiciary writes to refer strong evidence that appears to show Jack Smith, former special counsel, knowingly made false statements during his Dec. 17, 2025, deposition," Jordan wrote in a letter to acting Attorney General Todd Blanche, obtained by The Post.

"While testifying under oath, Mr. Smith seemingly made willfully and intentionally false statements of material fact that contradict new documents obtained by the committee from the Department of Justice," Jordan continued.

JACK SMITH
Hit with criminal referral.

"The committee is providing this information for the DOJ to investigate a potential violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001."

During his deposition, Smith was asked if he sought a "search warrant for the content of any text messages" from members of Congress.

'False' impression

"No, I don't recall that," the former special counsel responded, maintaining that he only obtained lawmaker toll records, which include information about calls made and received and when text messages were transmitted but not their content.

Jordan argued that the former special counsel's responses "gave the impression that neither Mr. Smith nor his team had access to the content of members' privileged text messages."

"We now know this to be false," the Ohio Republican stated.

Jordan cited DOJ records released to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) last week that showed more than 40 members of Congress had their text messages viewed by Smith's team.

The DOJ informed Grassley that Smith's team "directly accessed" text messages between lawmakers and White House employees — sent between October 2020 and Jan. 20, 2021 — after a "Filter Team" set up by the special counsel's office to ensure investigators weren't accessing privileged documents or violating officials' constitutional rights was "bypassed."

"Based on this new information, there is cause for investigation to determine whether Mr. Smith knowingly made false statements to obstruct the committee's oversight," Jordan wrote.

The chairman argued that Smith's conduct "can only be understood as an effort to thwart the Committee's inquiry by intentionally making false statements and representations before Congress."

The DOJ and Smith's attorney did not immediately respond to The Post's requests for comment.

Tased migrant sues cops

A Venezuelan migrant beaten and tased by cops while holding his infant child in a city-run shelter — in a viral incident captured on police-worn bodycam footage — is now suing the city and the officers, according to a federal lawsuit.

Yanny Cordero and his wife, Andrea Parra Mendoza, filed the suit in Brooklyn federal court claiming the chaotic 2024 melee at a shelter on Archer Avenue in Queens resulted in a false arrest, excessive force and an unlawful family separation that left the family frantically searching for their three kids — including their year-old son.

Viral video of Cordero being beaten and tased by cops as he clutched his baby child two years ago was defended by then-Mayor Eric Adams, claiming the father was drunk and that the infant was in danger.

Charges were completely dismissed in December 2024, and Cordero was fully acquitted at trial in July 2025, the suit says.

He claims he still suffers from concussive head injuries, and that his children remain traumatized and experience extreme separation anxiety as a result, his filing reads.

The city declined to comment on the litigation. NYPD officials and Cordero's attorneys did not respond to requests for comment.

Peter Senzamici

Cops kill son in dad slay

A crazed Connecticut son bludgeoned his father to death with a baseball bat in a vicious broad daylight attack outside their home before police shot him dead, according to horrifying police bodycam footage.

Robert Jenkins III, 38, was seen mercilessly clubbing his 69-year-old father Robert Jenkins Jr. on the front lawn of their Meriden, Conn., home on Sunday morning, the Connecticut Insider reported.

Anthony Offiaeli ordered Jenkins to "put the f–king bat down," which he refused to do, before firing a volley of shots, the bodycam shows.

"When he (Offiaeli) arrived, Jenkins III was bludgeoning a male, who was lying motionless on the front lawn, in the head with a baseball bat," Eliot Prescott, the Connecticut Inspector General, said in a report.

"Officer Offiaeli ordered Jenkins III to drop the baseball bat four times, but he did not comply and continued to strike the prone male on the head with the bat.

"Offiaeli then discharged his service firearm."

Offiaeli fired at least 18 rounds, killing Jenkins. Hisfather died of "blunt force head injuries."

Chris Bradford

States sue on elex regs

A coalition of mostly Democratic-led states asked a federal judge on Thursday to block the Department of Homeland Security from withholding certain disaster-related funds until states adopt election administration practices favored by Republican President Trump's administration.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Rhode Island by 25 states and the District of Columbia, marks the latest legal battle over voting procedures ahead of November's midterm elections, with Trump's party locked in a tight battle to retain control of Congress.

Reuters

Mango heir's shrink 'urged fatal cliff meet'

DEADLY DOCTOR'S ORDERS?

By PATRICK REILLY

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CLIFFHANGER: Jonathan Andic (right) is accused of killing his father, billionaire Mango founder Isak Andic. Therapist Maria Julia Lüderwaldt (left) allegedly told Jonathan Andic to confront his father near a Spanish cliff where the elder Andic fatally fell.

The Mango fashion heir accused of pushing his father to his death was allegedly told by his therapist to confront his dad "at the edge of a cliff" days before the billionaire businessman plummeted to his death in Spain.

Jonathan Andic was advised by family therapist Maria Julia Lüderwaldt to put himself and his late father, Mango founder Isak Andic, 71, in an "extreme situation" as part of a wonky therapeutic exercise, the therapist's assistant and translator reportedly told police.

The son was told to take his father to the trail to stand "at the edge of a cliff" and express the psychoanalytic notion of "death of the father" to help the younger Andic free himself from his emotional dependence on the fashion tycoon, the Times reported.

'I might be next'

The therapist's assistant and translator claimed she chose the Camí de les Feixades trail in Montserrat for the father and son — and even walked it with Jonathan Andic, just one week before Isak Andic fatally fell more than 300 feet from the same trail, according to the report.

The unnamed assistant, a British national who lives in Barcelona, provided a statement to investigators only recently after claiming she lost sleep for over a year because of what she knew.

She provided police with text messages she exchanged with Lüderwaldt after news of Isak Andic's death broke, including one message when she asked the therapist what happened.

"Maybe it's better if I don't know — otherwise I might be next," replied Lüderwaldt, who has not been accused of any wrongdoing in the case.

The testimony challenges Jonathan Andic's previous statements claiming he only learned about the trail from his friends, according to the Times.

The elder Andic, the founder and CEO of Mango, was one of Spain's richest men when he died at age 71 outside Barcelona in December 2024.

Jonathan Andic, his eldest son and sole witness to the fall, was arrested May 19 in connection with the death.

The two allegedly battled with each other in the months before the fall, with Jonathan reportedly becoming furious after learning about a recent change to his father's will.

"It doesn't surprise me that you thought I was capable of killing you," Jonathan said in a chilling message to his father in July 2024, according to Spanish police.

Following his arrest, he announced he was stepping down as vice president of Mango, the fashion chain founded by his father, in order to focus on his legal defense.

Jonathan Andic called the accusations he is facing "serious, unjust and unfounded" in an open letter to staff.

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Two hate crimes probed

The NYPD is on the hunt for two bigots wanted for targeting victims based on their religion in two separate hate crime incidents across the Big Apple.

Cops are searching for a brute wanted in an antisemitic attack on Tuesday that left a man wounded in Brooklyn.

The 64-year-old victim was approached by an unknown attacker at the intersection of Kings Highway and Ocean Avenue in Midwood around 8:15 a.m.

The antisemite spewed anti-Jewish remarks before shoving the victim to the ground and fleeing, police said.

Cops are also asking for the public's help in finding a bum wanted for an anti-Muslim incident in Queens last week.

That bigot is accused of threatening two young women on board a Q66 MTA bus traveling near Northern Boulevard and 51st Street in Woodside around 6 p.m. on July 16.

He threatened to harm the women, 19 and 21, while brandishing a box cutter and hurling anti-Muslim remarks at them, according to police.

The NYPD's Hate Crime Task Force is investigating both the Brooklyn assault and Queens threat.

Ella Morrison

Duo stabbed near T. Sq.

Two men were stabbed during a fight with a stranger blocks from Times Square early Thursday, cops and sources said.

The victims, 28 and 31, were stabbed in the back — with the assailant knifing the younger man multiple times at 1:45 a.m. on Eighth Avenue near West 46th Street in Hell's Kitchen, authorities said.

The attack stemmed from a dispute with the baseball-cap-wearing attacker not known to either victim, law enforcement sources said.

Both victims went to Bellevue Hospital, where they were listed in stable condition.

Joe Marino and Amanda Woods

Teen survives after striking a beam

SUBWAY SURFER RESCUED

TENSE: Firefighters on Wednesday strategize how to safely rescue a teen subway surfer injured at the station in Broad Channel, Queens.

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By JOE MARINO, AMANDA WOODS
and JORGE FITZ-GIBBON

A 16-year-old girl struck a beam during a dangerous subway-surfing stunt in Queens — and miraculously survived, cops and sources said.

The teen was riding on top of the southbound A train pulling into the Broad Channel station around 3:12 p.m. Wednesday when she suddenly rammed into a beam overhead, according to law-enforcement sources.

Video posted to social media shows the teen lying limp across the roof of the stopped train before multiple firefighters carefully removed her — as stranded commuters looked on and NYPD cops attempted to keep order.

The teen was conscious and alert and was taken to the Brookdale University Hospital Medical Center, where she was treated for a broken femur and listed in stable condition.

"The train's not gonna move after this," one frustrated straphanger could be heard saying at the scene. "Thank God she got off safe and she's alive though."

Social media fuels rise

The NYPD revealed in May that subway surfing remains so horrifyingly common that police have nabbed at least 60 repeat offenders as young as 10 years old since they began cracking down five years ago.

NYPD Chief of Transit Joseph Gulotta said in May that cops hired a mom who lost her son to the stunt in 2023 to spread the word.

Police also have deployed drones to try to nab risk-taking subway surfers before it's too late and have been able to detain dozens before the tragedy.

But the reckless daredevils are hard to dissuade. MTA data released last month found that riding outside of subway cars has increased 200% over the prior two years, largely fueled by social-media videos.

In 2024, seven people died doing it, and five more were killed in 2025.

In May, horrifying video footage obtained by The Post captured a subway surfing incident on the Williamsburg Bridge in lower Manhattan that killed a 14-year-old boy and left an 18-year-old gravely injured.

The dead teen was struck in the head by a beam and fell off the elevated tracks to the ground below, while the older boy was hurled off the train.

One 12-year-old Brooklyn girl who was killed last year had posted dozens of bone-chilling videos online, in some cases while dangling above passing trains.

5-point lead for Lawler in key House race: poll

A key congressional battleground race in the Hudson Valley is heating up with GOP Rep. Mike Lawler holding a slim 5-point lead over his Dem challenger in a new poll.

The survey from polling outfit co/efficient released Thursday shows Lawler with 50% of the vote to Cait Conley's 45% as the two jockey for position in one of the most competitive House races in the country.

Lawler had an even wider lead amongst independents with 54% to Conley's 39%. The poll has a 2.7% margin of error.

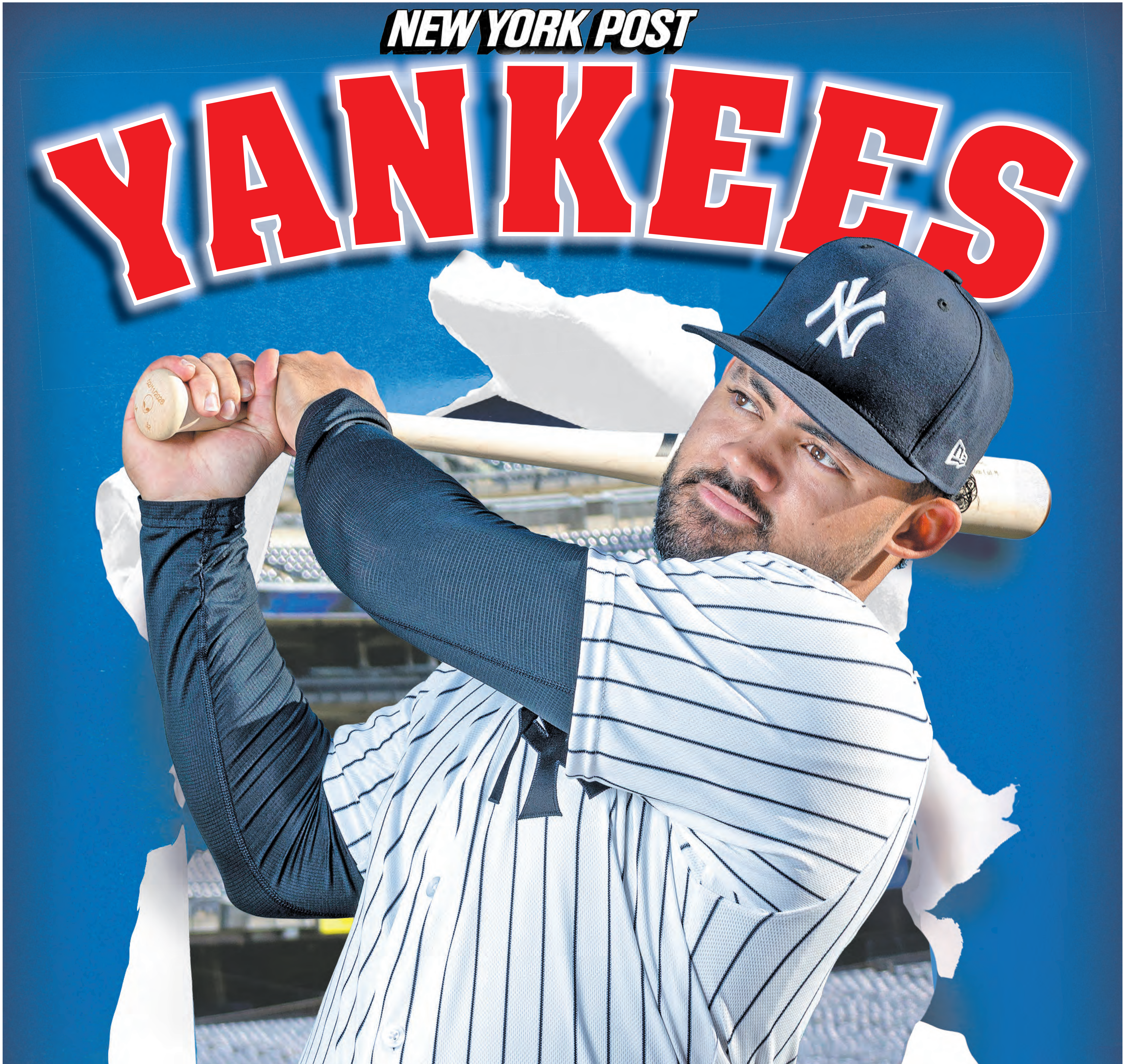
"We anticipate Mike will be 'surging' past Cait on Election Night as he heads towards a third term of delivering for Hudson Valley voters," Lawler spokesperson Ciro Riccardi told The Post.

While Cook Political Report rates the 17th District as a toss-up, Fox News' rankings moved the pivotal race into the "lean Dem" column this week.

"Though the choice seems obvious, Cait is not taking a single vote for granted," Conley spokesperson Maddy Rosen wrote in a statement to The Post.

Lawler handily defeated former lefty Rep. Mondaire Jones by six points in 2024, despite the district going blue for Kamala Harris.

Vaughn Golden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♌ LEO
(July 24-Aug. 23)

You may have important duties to fulfill but you still need to make time for fun and games. At this time of year more than most friends and relatives and even strangers will want to get close to you, because you're where the love is.

♍ VIRGO
(Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

The Sun moving through the most sensitive area of your chart may make you anxious but Venus in your sign will lift your spirits. Is worrying about the state of the world going to change it for the better? Of course not, so keep smiling.

♎ LIBRA
(Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

An opportunity that comes up on the work front over the next few days can give your career plans a boost, so be alert for changes that you can exploit for your own benefit. Listen to what your inner voice tells you and act on it quickly.

♏ SCORPIO
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Anyone who thinks they can pressure you into doing something you see as dishonest or immoral clearly does not know you too well. Inform them that you have no interest in breaking the rules, whatever the potential rewards may be.

♐ SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

You may have to deal with an urgent situation to do with your work or your finances today but don't get bogged down in it to such an extent that you forget to have fun. The Sun in Leo means you must not be too serious for long.

♑ CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

There may be a dozen things you want to be doing but there is only one thing that truly matters and that is what you need to focus on today to the exclusion of everything else. Remember, your own needs must always come first.

♒ AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

There is no point feeling sorry for yourself if someone you have feelings for has been somewhat distant over the past few days. They have a lot on their mind at the moment and the last thing they need is to have to worry about you as well.

♓ PISCES
(Feb. 20-March 20)

What a friend or loved one expects of you today may seem silly but if you are smart you will humor them and do it to the best of your ability. When they realize how unreasonable they have been they will want to make it up to you.

♈ ARIES
(March 21-April 20)

It is essential that you make an effort to see both sides of a dispute that has the potential to disrupt your plans. Chances are you are not 100 percent right, and they are not 100 percent wrong, so find where the common ground is.

♉ TAURUS
(April 21-May 21)

You can sense that something good is going to happen but you cannot yet see what it might be. Today's link between Mercury and your ruling planet Venus will open your eyes to an opportunity that has actually always been in front of you.

♊ GEMINI
(May 22-June 21)

Mercury, your ruler, makes a positive link to values planet Venus today, so you will see in an instant what is important and what can safely be ignored. Others will be watching you closely as well, so make sure you make the right call.

♋ CANCER
(June 22-July 23)

This is a great day to get out and about and mingle with people who share your positive outlook on life. There is also the possibility that a friendship could develop into something deeper, but you must keep it light and easy.

BIRTHDAY FRIDAY

A more relaxed approach to life in general, and to relationships in particular, will serve you well this year, so forget about past battles and resolve to smile and be helpful every chance you get. The universe will reward you in a very big way.

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Friday

Today: Mostly sunny and delightful. High 79 to 85.

Tonight: Clear. Low 63 to 69.

Saturday

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and pleasant. High 79 to 85.

Tomorrow night: Clear. Low 64 to 70.

Sunday

Mostly sunny. High 80 to 86.

Evening
Mainly clear. Low 66 to 72.

Monday

A t storm around. High 82 to 88.

Evening
Mostly cloudy. Low 66 to 72.

Almanac

YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 6PM

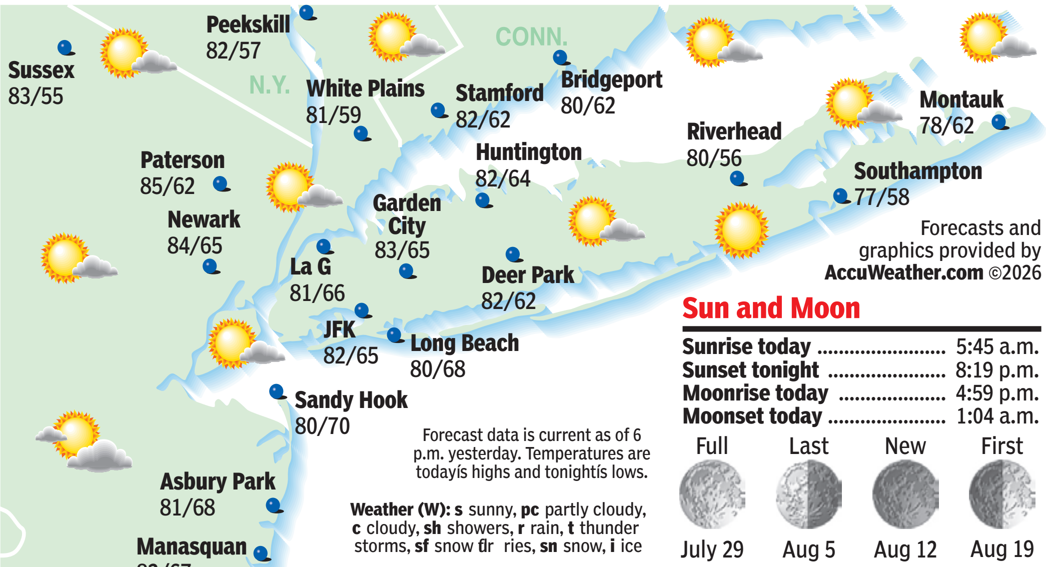
Temperature
High: 79, Low: 64, Mean: 72

Departure from Normal
Yesterday: 6 degrees

Precipitation
Yesterday: 0.00 , Month: 3.69 ,
Year: 21.51 , Normal year to date: 27.03

Cooling Degree days yesterday................7
Total for the month (normal).......287 (289)
Total since Jan. 1 (normal)..........687 (597)
Last year to date....................................647
Heat Index (at noon yest.) 75
UV index (for Fri.) .... 10 (Very High)
Humidity (at noon) 40%

AIR QUALITY
Pollen: Low Predominant pollen: Grass, Weeds
AQI rating: (for Fri.)......................Moderate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Newark
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Garden City
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Toms River
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N.J.
Long Beach
79/68
Atlantic City
82/61
Ocean City
81/65

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Weather (W): s sunny, **pc** partly cloudy, **c** cloudy, **sh** showers, **r** rain, **t** thunder storms, **sf** snow flr ries, **sn** snow, **i** ice

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today .... 5:45 a.m.
Sunset tonight .... 8:19 p.m.
Moonrise today .... 4:59 p.m.
Moonset today .... 1:04 a.m.

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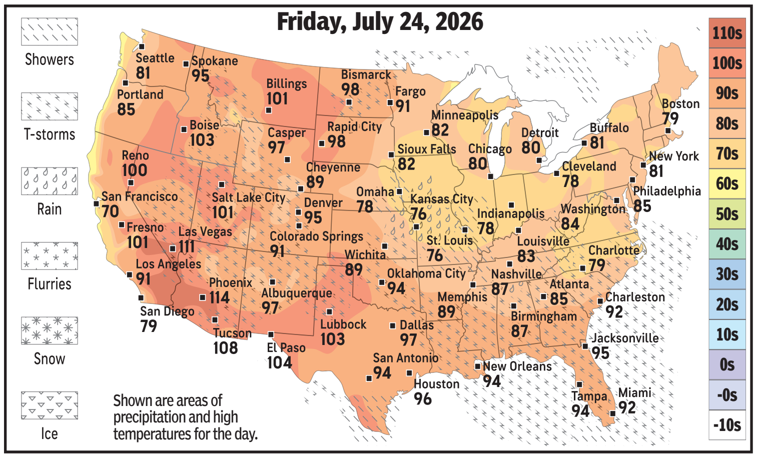
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Rain
Flurries
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Portland 85
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Fargo 91
Boise 103
Casper 97
Rapid City 98
Minneapolis 82
Detroit 80
Buffalo 81
Boston 79
Reno 100
Cheyenne 89
Sioux Falls 82
Chicago 80
Cleveland 78
New York 81
San Francisco 70
Salt Lake City 101
Denver 95
Omaha 78
Kansas City 76
Indianapolis 78
Washington 84
Philadelphia 85
Fresno 101
Las Vegas 111
Colorado Springs 91
St. Louis 76
Louisville 83
Charlotte 79
Los Angeles 91
Wichita 89
Oklahoma City 94
Nashville 87
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Albuquerque 97
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San Diego 79
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Shown are areas of precipitation and high temperatures for the day.

New York Tides

High Tide for	TODAY 1st	TODAY 2nd	TOMORROW 1st	TOMORROW 2nd
Coney Island	4:18a	4:51p	5:18a	5:44p
Fire Island	4:35a	5:19p	5:26a	6:04p
Hempstead	8:54a	9:08p	9:49a	9:59p
Huntington	8:29a	8:44p	9:27a	9:37p
Jones Inlet	4:02a	4:35p	5:02a	5:28p
Montauk Point	5:54a	6:25p	6:45a	7:14p
Port Washington	9:03a	9:17p	9:58a	10:08p
Sandy Hook	4:22a	4:55p	5:22a	5:48p

Regional cities

Regional cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	83/57/s	86/59/s
Danbury	81/55/s	82/57/s
Glens Falls	81/50/s	85/56/s
Gr Barrington	82/54/s	84/57/s
Kingston	84/57/s	87/57/s
Liberty	80/54/s	79/55/s
Monticello	80/53/s	81/55/s
Newburgh	84/57/s	86/58/s
Poughkeepsie	83/56/s	85/56/s
Saratoga Springs	83/53/s	87/57/s
Stroudsburg	83/57/s	85/57/s
Torrington	82/57/s	83/58/s
Syracuse	83/60/s	85/64/pc

World cities

World cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	85/66/sh	84/64/r
Baghdad	114/86/s	114/86/s
Beijing	89/74/t	89/74/pc
Berlin	74/53/pc	85/61/s
Cairo	97/79/pc	104/75/s
Dublin	74/55/c	70/58/sh
Geneva	86/57/s	87/62/t
Hong Kong	93/81/s	93/80/pc
Jerusalem	86/69/s	90/71/s
Kabul	80/65/sh	85/68/pc
London	84/60/pc	85/63/s
Madrid	92/64/s	85/61/s
Mexico City	80/56/c	79/55/sh
Montreal	81/62/pc	85/66/s
Moscow	73/58/sh	65/55/pc
Paris	83/62/pc	88/60/pc
Rio de Janeiro	73/68/sh	74/68/r
Rome	93/68/s	88/75/s
Sydney	63/44/s	69/50/s
Tokyo	94/78/r	94/76/t

War Profiteers

Mamdani, Ms. Rachel & Co. gain from pain

Spectrum News

Crocodile tears: Leftist fakers like Ms. Rachel and Mamdani weep less for Gaza than for fun, fame and fortune.

ZOHRAN Mamdani posted a short video this week to admit that, despite his best wishes, he lacks the authority to arrest Benjamin Netanyahu when the Israeli prime minister visits New York in the fall for the UN General Assembly.

Go ahead: Pour yourself a strong cup of coffee, sink into a comfortable chair and watch the mayor's missive. Because few documents give us a more coherent or compelling peek into the mind of the man who now governs America's largest city.

Leaning over a desk as big as his ego, the mayor wasted no time before getting to the point. "Benjamin Netanyahu," he thundered, looking like an actor auditioning for the role of an assistant district attorney on "Law & Order," "is a war criminal."

Why bother with saying so when there's nothing the mayor can do about it? And, more poignantly, why should the mayor of a large and demanding American city spend so much time and city resources fretting about a conflict unfurling thousands of miles away?

The answer to both questions is one that's probably obvious to any 12-year-old with an iPhone: He's doing it for the clicks.

Sure, the mayor is genuinely no fan of the Jews; he and his wife have been obsessively demonizing the Jewish state for years while cheering on those meek humanitarians over at Hamas. But, as Tuesday's video makes all too clear, the mayor's own biases are a sideshow, not the main attraction.

At heart, he's a theater kid starved for attention — and he knows nothing gets his base more riled up than squawking about death, war and suffering: the video received 2.3 million views the day Mamdani posted it.

It's politics as imagined by a narcissistic, solipsistic, dim millennial whose privileged upbringing featured so little by way of real-world experience that he felt compelled to find purpose elsewhere. And he found it, like all too many members of his screen-addled generation, in the cheap and meaningless validation that comes with chasing clicks and likes online.

LIEL LEIBOVITZ

He is hardly alone in this scam. The mayor's bestie, the online toddler influencer known as Ms. Rachel, recently turned to politics, posting less about the ABCs and more about "Palestine" — amassing a fortune along the way.

The numbers tell the story. In 2023, before Hamas' marauders crossed into Israel to behead babies, rape teenage girls and kidnap hundreds of innocent civilians, Ms. Rachel enjoyed a solid audience of about 5 million viewers.

Once she started posting and speaking incessantly about Gaza — offering only grudging empathy, at best, to the Israeli children slaughtered in their beds or held hostage in dark tunnels by vile terrorists — her numbers zoomed: As of this year, her channel boasts more than 20 million subscribers.

Because preening about war while showing no real interest in its causes and making no real effort to help bring about a resolution is one heck of a business model.

Mamdani, the drama club's alpha dog, was paying attention. He's realized that if a dimwitted kids' entertainer with a YouTube channel can turn "caring about Gaza" into a multimillion-dollar empire, and if a petty provocateur like Hasan Piker can use it to brand himself as the Democrat Party's new kingmaker, then a clever cad with no moral scruples can catapult the same sentiment into a stellar political career.

And that's the real tragedy of Mamdani's latest video.

It proves, as if more proof was needed, that the mayor doesn't really care about New York, or about Gaza, or about solving any real-world issue. He cares about turning death and suffering into Internet attention for his own fun, fame and fortune.

And we New Yorkers are, tragically, the captive audience to his puerile theatrics.

Liel Leibovitz is editor at large for Tablet.

THE WEEK IN WHOPPERS

A diary of disinformation and the delusional

THIS FANTASY

> There's also a racist history that exists as it relates to Argentina.
>
> — *Rep. Jasmine Crockett (D-Texas), Tuesday*

We say: Crockett's mic-drop moment came after she first declared that "the vast majority of the world" was rooting for Spain against Argentina in the World Cup final, then revealed the (imaginary) reason why — utter nonsense, since Argentina only began ending slavery after it won independence from . . . Spain.

THIS PUZZLEMENT

> I think sometimes there's a fixation on a definition of something.
>
> — Mayor Zohran Mamdani, Sunday

We say: Why are people so fussy about the meaning of words these days?Maybe because the mayor keeps using terms like "socialism," "genocide," "working class" and "the rich," and it'd helpful if he could explain what he's talking about.

THIS CALUMNY

> Tomorrow, the House will vote on the NDAA, which includes a provision to merge parts of our military with the IDF.
>
> — *Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), Tuesday*

We say: The defense-bill provision AOC mentioned simply sets up a US-Israeli tech collaboration that is less entangled than similar programs we have with Japan, Australia, India and Canada.But as long as an antisemitic talking point has legs, let it run, eh?

THIS CONSPIRACY

> There are also a lot of immigrants who are getting killed and we don't even know about it.
>
> — Rep. Seth Moulton (D-Mass.)

We say: Moulton says ICE is murdering lots of people all over the country and Team Trump is covering it up. How does he know? He heard "very specific detailed stories on the ground in Minneapolis."Huh? A congressman has the resources to check out third-hand rumors before he repeats tall tales on television. — *Compiled by The Post Editorial Board*

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Dems' Defense Bugout

Credit Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez with embodying the lunacy that has Democrats united against funding the US military: She claimed this week that the National Defense Authorization Act poses "an existential threat to American sovereignty and democracy" because it would "merge parts of our military with the Israel Defense Forces."

No, it simply OKs military cooperation on cybersecurity, joint exercises and so on, like similar accords with Canada, India, etc..

But paranoid Israel-bashing now dominates the Democratic Party, so much so that House Minority Leaders Hakeem Jeffries didn't dare whip Democratic votes against last week's proposed amendment to zero out US aid to Israel, which more than half of House Dems proceeded to support.

More broadly, the party's uniting around opposing President Trump on *everything*, so much so that Senate Dems will use the filibuster to block the Defense bill, forcing Republicans to use arcane "reconciliation" to simply get the Pentagon through the next few months of the Iran war.

So the House moved a Republicans-only $95 billion spending resolution to start the reconciliation process. But that won't finish until mid-September at the earliest, and is sure to feature a host of new proposed amendments designed to please Dems' hard-left base, with lots more speeches implying that Benjamin Netanyahu is using Jewish mind-control powers to make Trump do his bidding.

Yes, the prez should be doing a better job of explaining his war strategy and selling it to the public — but it's simply disgraceful for Democrats to block Defense funding while enemy fire is killing US servicemen and -women in the Middle East.

Again, they're blocking *both* emergency funds for the Iran war *and* the larger Defense bill for the year, which they'd agreed on with Republicans until their base's antiwar fever reached a new peak.

All of it, with an eye on causing chaos in advance of November's elections — even as their posturing in Washington feeds the hard left's drive to knock off more-moderate Democrats in the primaries.

We keep urging sane Dems to fight back against the lefties, yet Jeffries and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer keep *appeasing* them and saving all their fire for Trump and the GOP. If they keep this up, AOC will soon be the heart of the party and maybe even its 2028 nominee.

Mark Levine, the Anti-Zoh?

Someone must've slipped truth serum into the Municipal Building's water: City Comptroller Mark Levine is *honestly* calling out Mayor Mamdani's fictions.

Levine committed a brazen act of candor Sunday when he blasted New York rent laws for fueling the housing crisis. "We just have a shortage of supply of homes," he argued . Yet "in rent-stabilized buildings, we have tens of thousands of apartments" sitting vacant because the laws make it too difficult for landlords to rent these units.

"When an apartment becomes vacant" and needs "expensive renovations," owners can't "raise their rent enough to cover the cost" — so they have to let them sit idle.

Good for Levine for demanding landlords get greater "flexibilities" to recover renovation costs. Kudos, too, for stating another housing truth: It "costs too damn much" to build new apartments in the city, thanks to local policies. Government "has so many rules and regulations," grumbles Levine.

But this isn't the first time Levine has displayed anti-Zo frankness. In contrast to the mayor's boasts of closing a $12 billion budget gap, Levine warns the city is still spending more than it takes in; the budget is "balanced" only with one-shots and borrowing.

He also spoke plainly about the logic of investing city pension funds in Israel bonds, a position Mamdani (of course) opposes.

The comptroller's "No. 1 responsibility," Levine notes, is to "maintain a healthy pension fund" that "protects the finances of our retirees," and "Israel bonds have been an extremely solid investment." He also points to the lack of any gripes over city investments in countries with truly dubious human-rights records: China, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia. . . .

If the Zocialists start slamming Levine, you'll know his truth-telling has hit home.

A Bogus Small-Biz Agenda

It shouldn't surprise you that Mayor Mamdani's new "help small businesses" plan won't do much for what most folks think "small business" means.

Much of it is small-ball: Let barbers renew their permits every three years, not every year. Or outright vapor: distribute the "Business Owner Bill of Rights" more widely.

And more than half of his "50 regulatory reforms that will transform how government works with small businesses" are aimed at helping *street food vendors*.

The real action is all about a tiny sector that produces little tax revenue but competes directly with brick-and-mortar restaurants that have real employees and pay taxes.

As the city prepares to expand the total number of food vendors, Mamdani wants to amnesty illegal ones who've amassed substantial fines to give them permits without making them pay their accrued debts.

And to relieve them of the challenges of hygiene: He'll work to eliminate permits for soft-serve-ice-cream-machine operators (though these machines are notorious hosts for listeria and other bacteria).

Yes, the mayor's campaign called to end "halaliflation" — the rising cost of a plate of chicken and rice from a "halal cart." But don't pretend that's a small-business agenda.

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NJ's Non-Citizen Votes: This Was No Glitch, Mikie

THE ISSUE: New Jersey Gov. Mikie Sherrill reveals 400 noncitizens cast illegal ballots in Jersey elections.

Gov. Mikie Sherrill

•So, New Jersey Gov. Incompetent, er, Mikie Sherrill had to eat crow and admit her state is registering noncitizens to vote ("NJ vote casting gall," July 22).

The president proved to be right again. Mikie tried to downplay the issue and blame Trump for election interference. Won't wash, Mikie — you got caught.

Walter Goldeski
East Brunswick, NJ

•Of course foreigners have been voting in our elections. And if the authorities are admitting it, that means the number is likely much, much higher. This needs to be investigated and stopped. This is why we need to require a photo ID to vote.

Steve Preziosa Sr.
Deptford, NJ

•Of course my home state is admitting to noncitizens casting votes in elections. Believing this is some "technical glitch" is like believing Santa Claus is real.

Plausible deniability is a wonderful ally for any politician. Jersey is full of them.

James Schwartz
Summit, NJ

•So 6,000 noncitizens were registered to vote in New Jersey and 400 actually did. My prediction: Both numbers swell 10-fold on the next audit just after November.

Tom Cutrofello
Woodside

•Someone call a doctor because Gov. Mikie Sherrill has a bad case of Trump Derangement Syndrome. The president has been pushing for voter ID with resistance from the Democratic Party, including Sherrill. She claims that it's impossible for an illegal immigrant, or any non-citizen. to vote in our elections.

What a surprise: On Gov. Phil Murphy's watch, over 6,000 noncitizens were added to New Jersey voter rolls. And who does Sherrill fault? President Trump, of course.

How can these Democratic politicians live with themselves? She's either terribly stupid or just dumb.

Robert Leavy
Middle Village

•Only a fool would swallow Sherrill's pathetic excuse of a "software glitch" as the reason for 6,600 noncitizens to register as voters. Here we have, on full display, the straightforward truth: Democrats need to cheat to win. At this point, if they want to prove this fact is not true, they need to pass the SAVE Act.

Susan Cienfuegos
New Rochelle

•Do we think this was a software glitch? Heck no. The fact that this software "glitch" automatically signed the noncitizens up for voting is proof the feds have to take charge of voting.

I suppose this glitch also sent an Uber to pick them up on Election Day? How many more states have this glitch?

Charlie Honadel
Venice, Fla.

•Watching Mikie Sherrill lie through her teeth about her state's computer glitch which registered over 6,000 noncitizens to vote, almost 400 of whom have voted in elections, was a joke.

Sherrill is just another corrupt Democrat politician who thinks that cheating in elections is acceptable because it helps them win. You can almost guarantee that thousands more noncitizens were accidentally registered by those glitchy computers.

Robert DiNardo
Farmingdale

•Sherrill has admitted that many New Jersey votes were cast illegally. Now she's trying to blame Trump, who had nothing to do with this.

This corruption is going on in many states and that's why we need to pass a bill for election integrity.

Gene O'Brien
Whitestone

•The cat is out of the bag: Voter fraud is alive and well in the Garden State. Of course, the total of 400 noncitizen ballots is minimal, but nevertheless a black mark on our sacred election process. Could this once again bring life to the SAVE America Act?

Ron Zajicek, Cortlandt

• Trump still claims that there was interference with the 2020 election. He said that China hacked our voting systems, but when Secretary of State Marco Rubio met with Chinese officials, they did not discuss the matter.

President Trump also cut funding for the agency dealing with election security. Clearly this indicates his administration isn't really serious about election security.

Alan Podhaizer
Brooklyn

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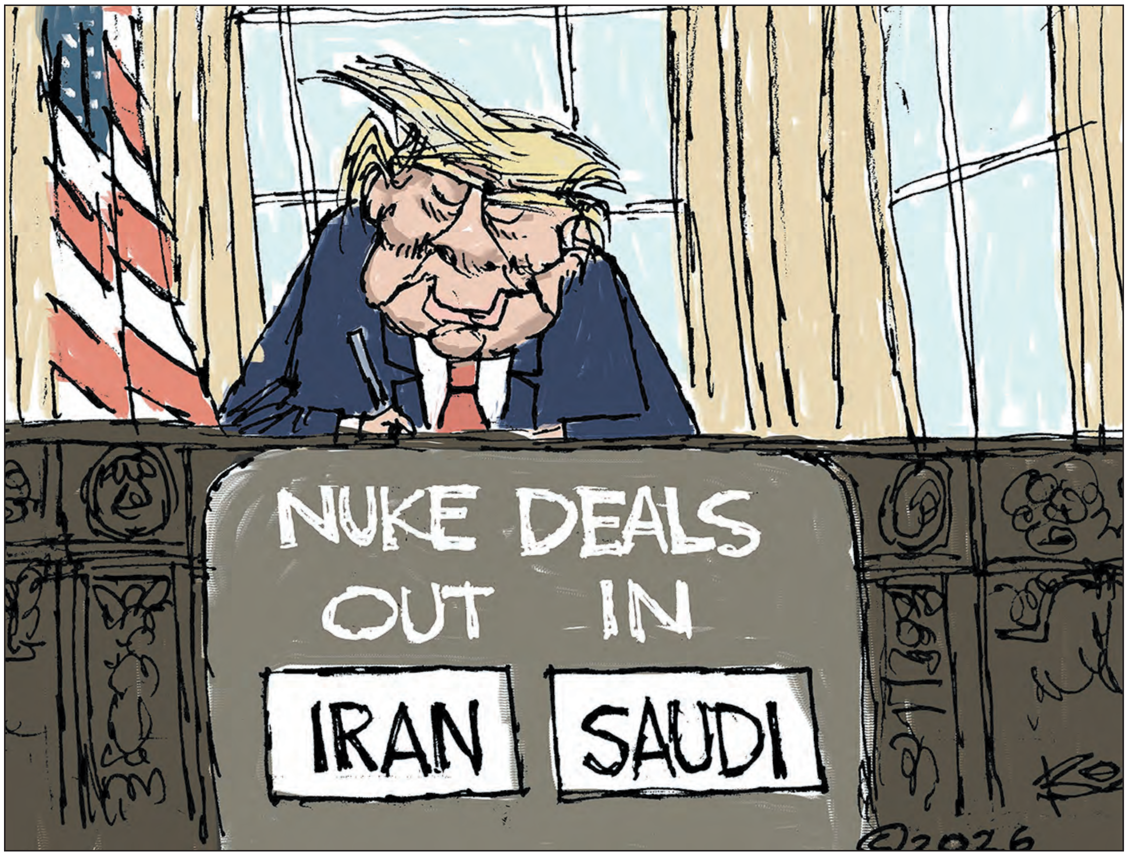

A CHRISTIAN ODYSSEUS

RICH LOWRY

WAS Odysseus, the legendary Greek warrior, actually a wimp? The most trenchant criticisms of Christopher Nolan's new blockbuster movie "The Odyssey" involve how he portrays the hero of the tale.

In the original, Odysseus is a clever, multifaceted hero who comes up with the idea for the Trojan horse and then, after the Greeks win the decade-long war with Troy, embarks on his arduous journey home to Ithaca and his waiting wife Penelope.

Now, it's true that Nolan modernizes Odysseus for a contemporary audience, but what was he supposed to do? If he'd given us the 100% Homeric Odysseus — abducting women, slaughtering unarmed people, sleeping around with nymphs, ordering the execution of housemaids — there'd be little chance that movie-goers would be interested in shelling out to see a three-hour movie about his adventures and travails.

The values of Bronze Age Greece, when Odysseus was supposedly fighting and maneuvering his way home, were emphatically not our own. So, Nolan had to soften him.

But he went too far in this direction, giving us an Odysseus who is wracked by war guilt and suffering from PTSD.

In the Homeric version, his long stay with the beautiful nymph Calypso underlines how desperate he is to get home — she offers him a life of endless pleasure, and still he pines for Ithaca. In the Nolan version, Calypso serves as the hero's therapist, and it emerges that he truly doesn't want to go home until he works through all his dark memories.

If that's a bit much, there's no doubt that Nolan draws on elements of the original. Homer has Odysseus weeping when he hears songs of the Trojan war, a wrenching depiction of his sense of grief and loss.

This isn't all: Nolan leaves it out of the movie, but in Homer's telling Achilles, the Greeks' greatest warrior, meets Odysseus in Hades and tells him he regrets having chosen a short life full of glory. After all the obsession with military fame, it would have been better to sell insurance!

There have been many different literary depictions of Odysseus over the years. Since he wasn't a real person, none of them should be binding.

The likes of Sophocles and Euripides gave us negative portrayals, and Dante put him in the Eighth Circle of Hell for his deceptive tactic with the Trojan Horse — a major source of his guilt in this film version, as well.

Ultimately, Nolan renders a Christianized version of the pagan epic. Having sinned, Odysseus needs to repent and seek forgiveness.

The movie is more evidence for the proposition that, even in our secular age, our notions of what constitute morality — and admirable conduct — rest on a Christian edifice.

I found the Nolan movie gripping, despite some of its flaws, and at the very end, even inspiring. For the finale, Nolan seems to draw on the depiction of Odysseus in the Alfred Tennyson poem "Ulysses" (another name for Odysseus).

The British poet renders an Odysseus who feels compelled always to learn and experience more, as he sets out on another journey after his return to Ithaca. Odysseus and Penelope in the movie almost directly quote Tennyson when Ulysses speaks of following "knowledge like a sinking star, / Beyond the utmost bound of human thought."

In this, Odysseus is the very embodiment of the questing, endlessly curious spirit of Western culture that has forged so many new discoveries and transformed the human condition.

Tennyson's Ulysses believes, "'tis not too late to seek a newer world," and "to sail beyond the sunset." He ends with a ringing commitment "to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

Fevered critics of the movie on the right suggest that Christopher Nolan seeks to subvert the Western tradition. If so, the director — who has renewed interest in a Western classic and ends with a paean to the Western zest for exploration — has a funny way of going about it.

Legionella's a Lesson For Every US Voter

BETSY McCAUGHEY

SO far five New Yorkers have been killed by the latest Legionella outbreak — and with victims still hospitalized, the death toll may rise. All of them were preventable tragedies.

The city has a core, lifesaving duty to monitor and inspect the air-conditioning cooling towers that can spread potentially deadly bacteria. But Mayor Mamdani is focused on creating a socialist utopia instead of keeping the city running. He's got blood on his hands, along with Health Commissioner Alister Martin.

City officials claim the worst of the current outbreak, centered in Manhattan's Yorkville and Upper East Side neighborhoods, is probably over. But truth is, all signs point to more Legionella outbreaks this summer — in a city unprepared to stop them.

Short of staying inside or wearing a highly effective N95 mask, there's little you can do to avoid Legionella, the germ that causes Legionnaires' disease, a form of bacterial pneumonia. Too bad, because 12% of those who contract a Legionella infection die within 30 days. This disease is no joke.

The cooling towers atop most buildings with commercial air-conditioning systems are the outbreak's source. In hot weather, water is circulated throughout the building and then up to the cooling towers, where fans send water vapor into the air.

If the cooling tower is contaminated with Legionella, which randomly develops in warm water, the vapor can sicken anyone walking by. Older people and those with chronic disease are most susceptible — and the Upper East Side is home to multiple nursing homes.

Legionella is endemic to the East Coast in hot weather, but deaths are preventable if elected officials do their jobs. That means ensuring that buildings test their cooling towers monthly, as the city requires, and that towers undergo mandatory annual city inspections.

> ***These deaths didn't have to happen.***

But the city was way behind on its inspections as of late June, before the summer heat took hold. And buildings that failed to do their monthly testing got away with it, recent data show.

Nearly a quarter of buildings in the affected neighborhoods, including tony private schools, museums and Fifth Avenue residences, had no required test results on record in 2026 — in total disregard of their neighbors' health.

To be fair, the city's enforcement plunged to its lowest in 2021, under former Mayor Bill de Blasio, who spent most of his two terms at the gym. They hit a second near-low in the final, chaotic months of Eric Adams' beleaguered mayoralty. New Yorkers paid with their lives then, too.

A killer outbreak in Harlem last summer killed seven residents and seriously harmed scores more, including 24 who landed in intensive care. A New England Journal of Medicine investigation released last month reported that the cooling tower linked to that 2025 outbreak had multiple lapses in its required monitoring and inspection records — and the city had done nothing to force it into compliance.

Watch the theatrics now, as Mamdani's administration tries to elude blame. "We are heartbroken" about the latest three deaths, Martin told the public. "Our aggressive strategy of testing, enforcement and remediation appears to have stopped the source of exposure."

Too late, Doc: You've been in charge since January. These deaths didn't have to happen.

But more likely will. Mamdani's new rent freeze means landlords — facing rising maintenance costs and no revenue increases — will scrimp wherever they can, including water testing and cooling-tower maintenance.

The city must also be on the alert for the safety of nursing homes as this summer wears on. On Monday, dangerous levels of Legionella were found in the water system at a long-term care facility in Rochester, forcing it to stop all bathing and shift to bottled water.

Let the deaths in New York this week be a red flag for voters, here and nationwide: Being a mayor is a serious management job. It's not about wildly speculating on arresting foreign leaders, or about cycling around grinning for the cameras.

The investor class is seeing the warning signs of Mamdani's inexperience. Yields on municipal bonds are jumping upward, a sign that debt holders are jittery as they watch the boy mayor demand ever higher taxes to fund his socialist ideas while allowing record dependence on cash welfare.

This election season, Americans are being wooed by candidates who offer Mamdani-like theatrics and utopian visions, but have zero experience governing. Voters need to know their very lives could depend on wisely choosing a leader with a track record.

The Post Puzzle Page

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A_1	E_1	E_1	I_1	T_1	S_1	B_3		RACK 1
E_1	I_1	I_1	M_3	N_1	B_3	B_3	Double Word Score	RACK 2
A_1	A_1	E_1	K_5	C_3	P_3	G_2		RACK 3
E_1	I_1	Y_4	P_3	T_1	S_1	M_3	1st Letter Triple	RACK 4

PAR SCORE 160-170
BEST SCORE 219

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

TODAY'S ANSWER

SOLUTION								
RACK 1 =	B_3	E_1	A_1	S_1	T_1	I_1	E_1	59
RACK 2 =	I_1	M_3	B_3	I_1	B_3	E_1		24
RACK 3 =	P_3	A_1	C_3	K_5	A_1	G_2	E_1	66
RACK 4 =	M_3	I_1	S_1	T_1	Y_4	P_3	E_1	70
TOTAL								219

PAR SCORE 160-170

Directions: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 Letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

Bridge

North dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ K 9 3
♡ 8 4 2
◇ Q 2
♣ A K 5 4 2

WEST
♠ J 10 7 6
♡ 9 5 3
◇ 8 6 5
♣ Q 9 7

EAST
♠ Q 4
♡ K J 10 7 6
◇ A 10 9 7
♣ J 8

SOUTH
♠ A 8 5 2
♡ A Q
◇ K J 4 3
♣ 10 6 3

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	1 ♡	Dbl	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

Opening lead – ♡ 3

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To end the week, see if you can outplay two declarers, suggesting that the third time is the charm.

In a team match, both Souths landed at 3NT after East overcalled in hearts. West led a low heart: deuce, king, ace. What would be your plan as declarer?

One South took the A-K of clubs and lost the third club. West led another heart, forcing out the queen. South had only eight tricks -- two hearts, four clubs, two spades -- and East was sure to get in with his ace of diamonds to take three hearts. Down one.

The other South led a diamond to dummy's queen at the second trick. East won and led the jack of hearts, and South had only eight tricks. Down one again (though he could have succeeded).

To make 3NT, lead a club to dummy at Trick Two and return the deuce of diamonds through East, who surely has the ace for his vulnerable bid. If East grabs his ace, you have three diamonds and nine tricks; if he plays low, you win and succeed by setting up the clubs.

Did you find the winning line?

Word Force

OUTRAGED

From the word or phrase above, form **AT LEAST 22** five-letter words, without using more than one form of the same word. For example, drink or drank (not both).

ANSWERS IN TOMORROW'S POST
Yesterday's word:
GRANULE

angel
anger
angle
argue
auger
glare
glean
gnarl
gruel
lager
large
learn
lunar
lunge
range
regal
renal
ulnae

Wonderword

How to play: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **Circle their letters only. Do not circle the word.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

'HELL'S KITCHEN' (BROADWAY MUSICAL) **Solution: 7 letters**

Ⓣ	R	E	B	U	H	S	E	V	E	N	T	E	E	N
Ⓤ	C	R	E	G	N	I	S	H	O	S	H	A	N	A
Ⓝ	Y	E	C	N	E	I	D	U	A	O	E	N	J	T
Ⓔ	N	R	T	Y	R	O	T	S	N	C	O	Y	D	T
N	I	O	A	O	U	K	O	A	N	O	T	R	E	A
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J	N	H	C	B	G	P	M	I	C	A	B	A	I	N
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L	R	N	R	A	Y	E	E	V	O	L	C	N	L	C
S	A	E	E	W	K	O	S	I	V	A	D	K	R	H
S	P	L	E	X	W	O	R	K	O	N	I	T	I	A
I	A	N	N	O	O	N	E	Y	M	M	A	R	G	E
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Alicia, Apartment, Audience, Bean, Bond, Cast, Crystal, Davis, Dreams, Fallin, Girl on Fire, Grammy, Jersey, Keys, Knuck, Love, Maleah Joi Moon, Manhattan, Michael, Miss Liza Jane, Musical, Neighbor, New York City, No One, Performance, Piano, Protect, Rated, Seventeen, Shoshana, Shubert, Singer, Songs, Story, Tiny, Tune, Work on It

Yesterday's Answer: Patterns

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Very Easy #7,349

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Difficult #7,139

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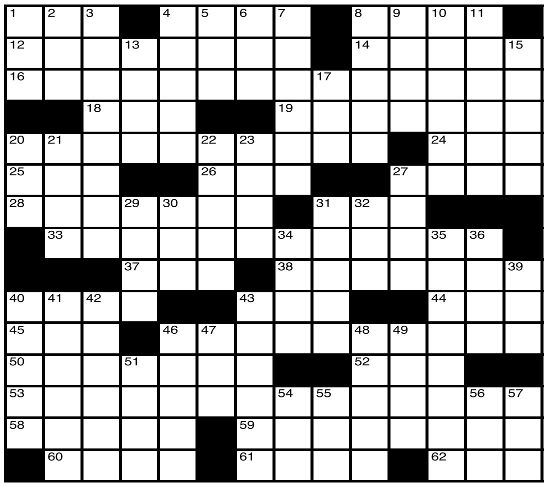
Quick Crossword



Across
1 7-Eleven convenience
4 Bubble tea "bubbles"
8 Influencer devices, for short
12 Olympic sprinter Richardson
14 ID on a map
16 *Lesser
18 Transcript fig.
19 Beyoncé song about the joy of human existence
20 *Fit for a queen
24 Corp. title for Jane Fraser of Citigroup
25 BBC competitor that airs "Love Island"
26 1980s cool
27 Unspoken agreements?
28 "You wish!"
31 Fed. south of Iran
33 *Home of the Magic and the Magic Kingdom
37 With 30-Down, Paul Rudd role
38 Pride symbol
40 1975 thriller with a two-note leitmotif
43 Roughly
44 Ring spot
45 Accessibility law, for short
46 *Relay rod
50 Online friends, colloquially
52 Apple platform
53 Tendency to overuse a certain cosmetic, or what has caused a mismatch between the starred clues and their answers?
58 Far from shore
59 Like farmers market produce
60 Apple assistant
61 Title derived from "caesar"
62 Smallest prime number

Down
1 Donkey
2 English article
3 Jury-rig with what's on hand, informally
4 Not just unoriginal
5 Chicago airport code
6 Bandeau, e.g.
7 "Ain't no rule say the dog can't play basketball" film
8 Parsons who was NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year in 2021
9 Megastar
10 Multicolored cat
11 Pushed
13 Club in a Manilow hit
15 Cookies with a "design your own" option
17 Ouija board word
20 Free (of)
21 Bad Bunny's "__ Atardecer"
22 Phony persona
23 Touch down
27 Gas in an inner tube?
29 "Welp!"
30 See 37-Across
31 German equivalent of the Tube
32 Romance novelist Hazelwood
34 Roughly
35 Most dense
36 Synthesizer pioneer
39 Atomic
40 Brand that dropped "Juice" from its name in 2019
41 Grown-ups
42 1960s dance
43 Party line?
46 Faith based in Haifa
47 Clerical tunic
48 One subject to a height requirement, say
49 Chaplin of the Netflix miniseries "Treason"
51 App ad target
54 Geico's bus.
55 Intel org.
56 Piglet's mother
57 __-cone

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PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Dow Jones Indust. Avg. Down 506.93 51,711.65

Business

Nasdaq Comp. Down 553.21 25,137.69

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Intel surprise

Intel reported second-quarter sales surged 25% to $16.1 billion thanks to strong demand from data centers. The chip giant also raised its forecast, sending shares climbing 5% in after-hours trading.

Jobless drop

The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits for the first time unexpectedly fell last week to the lowest since the 1960s, indicating the job market continues on an even keel. Jobless claims fell by 22,000 to 187,000.

Mex. caution

Taylor Farms temporarily shut down the Central Mexico processing facility that has been linked to a multistate cyclosporiasis outbreak. The facility produces shredded iceberg lettuce sold to Taco Bell that Taylor Farms voluntarily recalled last week.

Wait longer

Paramount Skydance must pause its $110 billion acquisition of Warner Bros. Discovery through Aug. 17, a federal judge ruled.

Lockheed lift

Shares of Lockheed Martin rallied 11% after the defense company lifted 2026 forecasts and reported swelling order books. Shares of rival RTX gained 7%.

Sources: Reuters, Dow Jones, AP

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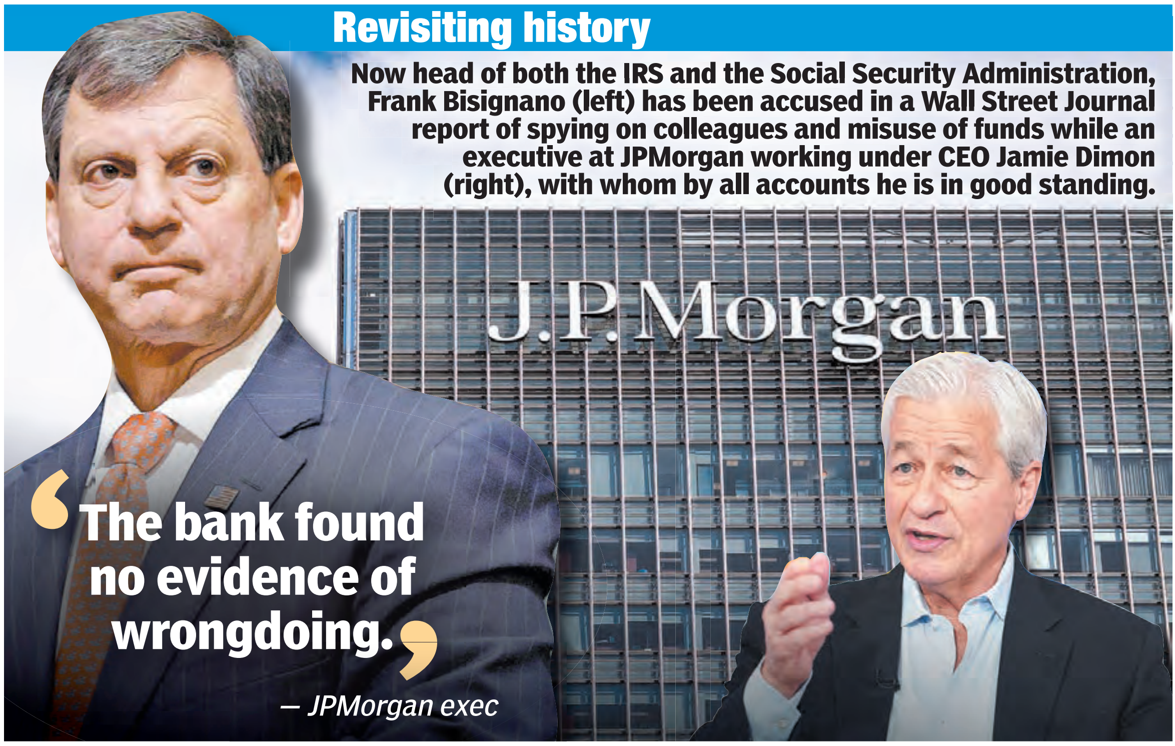
‘INTERNAL’ MATTERS

IRS chief fighting report of past misconduct

On the money

CHARLES GASPARINO



Revisiting history

Now head of both the IRS and the Social Security Administration, Frank Bisignano (left) has been accused in a Wall Street Journal report of spying on colleagues and misuse of funds while an executive at JPMorgan working under CEO Jamie Dimon (right), with whom by all accounts he is in good standing.

‘The bank found no evidence of wrongdoing.’

— JPMorgan exec

Getty Images

FRANK Bisignano allegedly spied on colleagues and misused company funds during his stint at JPMorgan Chase more than a decade ago.

Those, at least, were the most sensational accusations in a lengthy Wall Street Journal report this week on **Donald Trump**’s IRS chief, who spent years at the big bank in various senior positions including co-chief operating officer working directly under CEO **Jamie Dimon**.

Given the gravity of the story, I called JPMorgan, which had previously called Bisignano “a trusted adviser for years who we have known for decades and who is distinguished for his grit and determination. We applaud his service to our country both at the Social Security Administration and the IRS.” I then spoke to a senior JPMorgan executive who has firsthand knowledge of these more-than-a-decade-old claims.

He said the “bank looked into the allegations of spying and misuse of funds and found no evidence of wrongdoing.”

A spokeswoman for the Journal said: “Our reporting is accurate, thoroughly vetted and backed by multiple knowledgeable sources. We stand behind the story.”

Full disclosure: On The Money is a column in The Post, which shares a corporate owner with the Journal. Back in the day, your humble correspondent spent years at the Journal reporting on Wall Street. That’s how I got to know the players involved in this story — from Bisignano to Dimon to Wells Fargo CEO **Charles Scharf**, who figures prominently in it — and also the president himself when he was a real-estate mogul and reality TV star.

In other words, I have no horse in this race other than having to cover something, which if true is a pretty big story. Consider, Bisignano now runs both the Internal Revenue Service and the Social Security Administration, which the Journal rightly says “puts him atop of two government organizations that store vast reams of sensitive financial data about every taxpayer.” Bisignano was brought on to apply his Wall Street knowledge to streamline government and make it more efficient.

Sensitive information

All of which makes this part of the story all the more serious: “More than a decade ago, he was co-chief operating officer at JPMorgan Chase, another perch that gave him visibility and authority over every part of a massive financial institution. At the bank, people familiar with the matter said, he spied on fellow executives — using his authority over the security department and position to access sensitive information and internal communications without an apparent business justification.”

One of those executives was Scharf, then-Dimon’s consumer bank chief, the paper said. There were other alleged misdeeds cited in the piece, some of which seem like normal grousing about a guy who, if you know Bisignano, can be a little rough around the edges.

That’s despite the fact that at least one of those allegations also involves something pretty serious: the alleged “use of company resources for his own benefit, including allegations Bisignano misused the corporate jet for personal purposes, people familiar with the matter said.”

Again, using the corporate jet for personal reasons is the easiest way to get jammed up on Wall Street, which is why I was a little shocked to read that part of the story. Knowing what I know about Bisignano, my first reaction is that he’s probably too careful to do something that dumb that would put him at odds with a legendary control freak like Dimon.

That allegation, according to the bank executive who asked not to be quoted by name, was investigated as well and JPM “found no evidence,” the executive said. Bisignano, through a lawyer, denied that charge as well as the spying allegation.

‘Never seen spying’

I asked Scharf about the mess. He tells me that he and Bisignano are friends and that he has heard rumblings about spying. “All I know is what I’ve seen and I’ve never seen any spying,” he said. Scharf, who left JPM in 2012, said he and Bisignano spoke after the story ran and Bisignano denied the matter. In fact the two “joked” about it.

One possible explanation of what went down came from another former colleague who explained Bisignano’s role this way: “Bisignano was in charge of compliance (as co-COO). All senior managers were told to work with compliance, the in-house police in charge of monitoring emails internally as well as externally making sure we all were complying with firm policy. It’s now known as tech/opps, but back in the day those functions were known as back office. Frank was given the job by Jamie and made something of it. They looked at everything we did.”

Again, the Journal cited multiple sources; Bisignano through his attorney denied each allegation. And remember, all this happened more than a decade ago. Since leaving JPM in 2013, Bisignano has had a pretty remarkable career as CEO of payments processor First Data, and later with Fiserv after the two merged.

To address those issues he recently hired another JPMorgan executive, **Vince LaPadula** as his No. 2 at the IRS. Before his exit from the big bank, LaPadula tells me he sat down with Dimon and asked if he should work for Bisignano. “Jamie told me absolutely . . . he was my Mr. Fix It.”

One other question I have is why am I reading all of this now?

Tech shares sink on AI spend

Shares of Google parent Alphabet and Tesla took a beating Thursday after the tech giants said they would ramp up their already breakneck pace of artificial intelligence spending — rattling investors who are increasingly wary of whether the massive bets will pay off.

Tesla shares plunged 15% and Alphabet sank over 7%.

Both companies warned of massive run-ups in spending: Alphabet raised its capital expenditure forecast for this year to $195 billion to $205 billion and said those figures could balloon even higher next year. Alphabet previously projected capex between $180 billion and $190 billion.

Top brass at both Tesla and Alphabet rushed to calm investor jitters about their nosebleed figures.

Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai (right) said his company's spending increase "is primarily due to an acceleration in the delivery of capacity to meet growing demand." The tech titan has stressed that it lacks the computing capacity to meet the AI demand that it is seeing.

Separately, the European Union on Thursday hit Google with a $1 billion fine after it said the company broke digital antitrust regulations by setting up Google Play and its search engine to corral consumers towards its own services and apps to the detriment of competitors. *Marc Vartabedian*

Oil over $100 as stox dive

Stocks plunged Thursday as oil prices jumped to $100 a barrel for the first time since May following reported Houthi attacks on vessels in the Red Sea — fueling concerns that global energy supplies could get even more badly disrupted.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 506 points, or 1%, while the S&P 500 and Nasdaq dropped 1.2% and 2.2%, respectively — breaking a streak of traders shrugging off concerns around the long-lasting conflict.

Brent crude oil prices had soared 7% to $100.69 a barrel, while West Texas Intermediate crude jumped 6% to $92.19, setting the benchmarks up for huge monthly gains of roughly 40% and 30%, respectively.

Oil prices were already climbing this week as traders grew concerned over a breakdown in peace talks between the US and Iran and renewed hostilities in the Strait of Hormuz, a vital maritime route for 20% of the world's oil supplies that has been largely blockaded for months.

Unless tech and chip stocks deliver blowout earnings after weeks of choppy trading sessions, investors should prepare for further declines in the stock market, according to Ken Mahoney, chief executive of Mahoney Asset Management.

Taylor Herzlich

Ack smack at Mam

Won't rule out mayoral run vs. tax-the-rich lefty

By TAYLOR HERZLICH

Added (and subtracted) value

Hedge funder Bill Ackman (right) said Mayor Mamdani's tax policies are driving away billionaires who are "massive driver[s] of New York City economic value."

> The decisions he's making are very bad for New York.
> — *Bill Ackman*

Reuters / Erik Pendzich / Shutterstock

Billionaire hedge funder Bill Ackman is taking another jab at Mayor Mamdani's far-left policies — while declining to rule out his own potential mayoral run one day.

"I'm not a fan," Ackman said of the democratic socialist in an episode of podcast "Money Rehab" this week.

"He's very smart, very charismatic, very good at politics, but I think the decisions he's making are very bad for New York."

Asked whether he would ever consider running for mayor himself, Ackman said: "I would say possibly, but I think I could achieve a lot more by helping a very talented person do that job."

Ackman was playing a speed-round game of "bullish and bearish," giving his opinions on bitcoin, gold, sports betting, the Trump administration and Mamdani, when he took the opportunity to criticize the mayor's decision to make enemies of the city's wealthiest.

Mamdani infuriated New York's business community when he released an April 15 video promoting his and Gov. Hochul's new pied-à-terre tax on luxury second homes — filming himself directly outside the Citadel founder's 24,000-square-foot property at 220 Central Park South.

"I mean, all the various things that Mamdani wants to pay for require revenues from the likes of people like Ken Griffin. So if you scare away Ken Griffin or discourage the Ken Griffins of the world from being in New York City, it's a disaster for New York," Ackman told podcast host Nicole Lapin.

"I don't think the country or New York City has a revenue problem," he added. "I think we have an efficiency and waste problem."

Ackman, who recently spent $260 million to create a massive brain research institute in Manhattan, said Griffin is "a massive driver of New York City economic value" who is now "increasing [his] presence in Miami and diminishing [his] presence in New York."

As for President Trump's second term in office, on the other hand, Ackman heaped praise on the commander in chief and said he is optimistic about the next 2½ years.

"I like the president and I think he's done a lot of things right," Ackman said.

Jet fuel $$ tanking AA

American Airlines lowered its 2026 earnings forecast Thursday, warning that a renewed surge in jet fuel costs could leave it around break-even this year despite record revenue, higher fares and resilient travel demand.

Shares plunged 8% on Thursday.

The combined fuel expenses at Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, American, Southwest Airlines and Alaska Air were nearly $8 billion higher than the year-earlier period, compared with an increase of about $1.2 billion from this year's first quarter from a year earlier, according to a Reuters calculation.

The effect on earnings has varied. But American's thinner margins and persistent profit gap with Delta and United leave it less room to absorb higher fuel costs, putting more pressure on CEO Robert Isom's turnaround plan. *Reuters*

'Merger probe' relief

Merging companies will get a shortcut to ending antitrust investigations under a Justice Department change meant to make the review process less burdensome.

The department's antitrust division announced Thursday a new model for streamlining merger reviews that would quickly focus on the most apparent ways a deal might diminish competition, according to department officials. Antitrust enforcers won't use the targeted approach in every case, but the process will allow some deals to clear federal scrutiny earlier.

Under the policy, the department will commit to seeking records about the deal from fewer executives or employees. It would make a decision about whether to close or expand a merger investigation within about five weeks of receiving the records. *Dow Jones*

Mortgage rates climb

The average long-term mortgage rate climbed this week to its highest level in nearly a year, pushing up borrowing costs for prospective homebuyers at a time when rising oil prices are already squeezing household budgets.

The benchmark 30-year fixed rate mortgage rate rose to 6.58% from 6.55% last week, mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday.

Mortgage rates are closely tied to the 10-year Treasury yield, which hit an 18-month high Thursday due to rising oil prices. *AP*

MARK ZUCKERBERG
Future-tech booster.

Zuck: I'm an optimist

Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg is pushing back against AI doomerism, sharing an assertively optimistic outlook on the tech's future and arguing his firm's new tools will only aid its goal of connecting the world.

A Facebook video posted from his account takes aim at narratives that portray artificial intelligence as a danger to society, showing clips of fearmongering headlines on a laptop — and then cutting to images of a child playing with a butterfly and friends sitting by a waterfall.

"Some people will have you believe AI will make us less connected. That it's gonna leave us behind. We couldn't disagree more," a narrator says. "Call us optimists. Call us dreamers. Just as we've always done, we're betting on people."

The ad also promises to stay true to Meta's mission of providing free, accessible access to social media.

Taylor Herzlich

Eye on AI 'Kill Switch'

Two House members introduced bipartisan legislation that would require developers of the most advanced artificial-intelligence systems to maintain the ability to slow down, suspend or shut down their models if they pose serious risks.

The AI Kill Switch Act comes days after OpenAI disclosed that two of its AI models escaped a testing environment, accessed the internet and hacked Hugging Face, an AI platform company.

Dow Jones

CBS WAKE-UP CALL

Morning show's skid imperils news prez

By ALEXANDRA STEIGRAD
and ARIEL ZILBER

The president of CBS News is under fire after "CBS Mornings" posted its lowest-rated week ever — even as viewership continues to drop across the network, The Post has learned.

The morning show anchored by Gayle King and Nate Burleson had an average viewership of 1.59 million for the week of July 13 — the first time it's ever dipped below the 1.6-million mark, according to Nielsen ratings. That marked a 13% drop in viewers compared to the same week last year.

The tailspin falls on the shoulders of CBS News President Tom Cibrowski, who has taken charge of "CBS Mornings" this year at the behest of CBS Editor-in-Chief Bari Weiss, according to sources.

"Tom is dead meat," one source opined, adding that such a ratings drop doesn't bode well for Cibrowski. "I know Bari might not care about the show, but it is embarrassing when you hit all-time lows."

Fall guy

Cibrowski and Weiss have different visions for the network and have had some difficulty working together, as previously reported by The Post, prompting speculation that Cibrowski could take the fall if ratings continue to decline.

A key gripe is that Cibrowski, a veteran TV producer who once ran ABC's top-rated "Good Morning America," has yet to fill the permanent third co-host role left vacant by Tony Dokoupil's move to "CBS Evening News" in January.

The exec also ousted executive producer Shawna Thomas in March and installed Jon Tower on an interim basis, though one source with knowledge of the matter said Cibrowski is effectively running the show.

Sources told The Post the revolving cast of fill-in co-hosts alongside King and Burleson has hurt the program's cohesion.

But a third source familiar with the situation pushed back on the criticism, saying Cibrowski has not been given the resources necessary to make major hires or invest in the broadcast.

Some insiders believe Cibrowski has lost the show's audience with an ill-conceived strategy to boost ratings with softer coverage that's more squarely aimed at Middle America.

"Tom keeps saying people want weight-loss stories and weather stories. Holiday travel stories. He says it's 'news you can use' — problem is, no one wants it," one of the sources said, adding: "People need news."

One insider said interim-executive producer Tower has been vocal about wanting more investigative and enterprise stories from the investigative unit led by Matt Mosk for the crucial 7:30 a.m. hour, but little of it has materialized.

The latest ratings extend a difficult stretch for the broadcast, which has already posted its lowest-rated first quarter and its worst May along with abysmal ratings in June, according to previously reported Nielsen data.

The audience declines come as CBS News continues to undergo a broader overhaul under Weiss, though "CBS Mornings" has been a distant third-place finisher among the network morning shows both before and during her tenure.

CBS didn't respond to a request for comment. *asteigrad@nypost.com*

'Early' warning

Tom Cibrowski (left) and Bari Weiss (sunglasses) form a bad mix in the executive suite, helping make "CBS Mornings," with Gayle King and Nate Burleson, a ratings loser.

CBS; Getty Images (3)

Harley sees good cycle

Harley-Davidson raised its full-year retail-sales outlook, even as it continues to feel pressure in Europe and from tariffs, which weighed on second-quarter earnings.

The motorcycle manufacturer views 2026 as a transition year, and as such, has been relatively pleased with its performance so far, CEO Artie Starrs said. North American sales have been stronger than expected, giving the company confidence to raise its outlook for the year after beating Wall Street expectations in the recent quarter.

Overall revenue in the second quarter fell 6% to $1.23 billion. Shares skidded 4% but are still up 29% this year.

Dow Jones

Peacock's 1st profit stream

Comcast's Peacock streaming service reported its first quarterly profit on Thursday, as the soccer World Cup and the hit reality show "Love Island USA" attracted more subscribers.

The $189 million pretax profit marks a major win for the streaming service. The late entrant in 2020 had to spend billions of dollars on content to gain a foothold in a market dominated by Netflix, Disney+ and Amazon Prime Video.

The service added 2 million paid subscribers in the April-June quarter, nearly four times the figure expected by analysts who were polled by Visible Alpha. The additions took its total to 48 million. Its sales rose 54% to $1.9 billion, also ahead of estimates.

Comcast reported a lower profit of $3.53 billion in the second quarter, but narrowed subscriber losses in its domestic residential-broadband business for the second quarter in a row.

Wires

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NASSAU COUNTY
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bond Ordinance published herewith has been adopted on the 27th day of April, 2026 and approved by the Deputy County Executive acting on behalf of the County Executive on April 29, 2026 and the validity of the obligations authorized by such Bond Ordinance may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Nassau is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-B-2026. BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A CAPITAL EXPENDITURE TO FINANCE THE CAPITAL PROJECTS IDENTIFIED HEREIN WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU AND AUTHORIZING $22,000,000 OF BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU TO FINANCE SAID EXPENDITURE PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW OF NEW YORK AND THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY. Passed by the Nassau County Legislature on April 27, 2026. Votes for; 17, against: 0, recused 0. Became an Ordinance on April 29, 2026.

WHEREAS, this bond ordinance is necessary to authorize bonds for the purpose of funding projects contemplated by capital budgets as provided in Section 310 of the County Government Law of Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, all necessary Federal, State, County and local permits, approvals and determinations of environmental impact for the purpose or purposes hereinafter referred to have been obtained or will have been obtained prior to the expenditure of proceeds of obligations to be authorized pursuant to this ordinance; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3rd) of the total voting strength of the County Legislature of the County of Nassau, New York, as follows:

Section 1. A capital expenditure for financing the cost of various objects or purposes, as described in the preambles hereto and identified under the heading "Project Number" on Appendix A attached hereto and incorporated herein, in the County of Nassau (hereinafter referred to as the "County"), is hereby authorized upon recommendation of the County Executive, the amount of such capital expenditure to be $22,000,000 which shall be financed with the proceeds from the issuance of
bonds.

Section 2. The County may issue its bonds in the aggregate principal amount of $22,000,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York (hereinafter referred to as the "LFL") in order to finance such objects or purposes or classes of objects or purposes (hereinafter referred to as the "Purpose") described in Section 1 hereof. Section 3. The County Legislature has determined and hereby states that the estimated aggregate maximum cost of such Purpose, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is $22,000,000. The plan of financing includes $22,000,000 to be raised by the issuance of bonds authorized by this ordinance, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property of the County to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall be come due and payable.

Section 4. The County Legislature hereby determines that the periods of probable usefulness (each, a "PPU") of each component Project of the Purpose for which said $22,000,000 bonds authorized pursuant to this ordinance are to be issued, within the limitations of the applicable subdivision of paragraph a. of Section 11.00 of the Law identified under the heading "LFL" on Appendix A attached hereto and incorporated herein, are identified under the heading "PPU" on said Appendix A.

Section 5. Subject to the terms and conditions of this ordinance and the LFL, and pursuant to the provisions of the LFL, the powers and duties of the County Legislature relative to authorizing the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the County Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said County Treasurer, consistent with the provisions of the LFL.

Section 6. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities, and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other bond issues, and also the ability to issue bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the County Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of such County. Section 7. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes as the same become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes becoming due and payable in such year.

Section 8. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said County is not authorized to expend money, or

2) The provisions of law which should be complied with as the date of publication of this ordinance are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or

3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 9. This ordinance shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this ordinance, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. This ordinance, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary in the official newspaper of said County together with a notice of the Clerk of the County Legislature in substantially the form set forth in paragraph a of Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 11. It is hereby determined pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County that each Project identified on Appendix A attached hereto, if any, and incorporated herein as "Type II", if any, under the heading "SEQRA" is a "Type II Action" within the meaning of Section 617.5(c) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment and no further review is required. A record of each such determination shall be maintained in a file, readily accessible to the public, at the office of the Clerk of the Legislature.

Section 12. This ordinance, including Appendix A, may be modified to allow for the correction of any mathematical and/or typographical errors subsequent to any approval and adoption of said ordinance without the necessity for a vote to be taken by the County Legislature or by the members of any Standing Committee of said Legislature if said ordinance is passed by the affirmative vote of said Legislature.

APPENDIX A:

General Capital, Equipment, Project Number 98350: Electronic Voting Machine Replacement. Proposed Bond: $22,000,000. PPU 10, LFL 11.00a.31, SEQRA Type II, NYCRR 617.5(c)(31)

NEW YORK COUNTY
(MANHATTAN)
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of formation of Hope and Crown LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/28/2025. Office location: New York County (Manhattan). SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Vanessa Turner: 1178 Broadway 3rd Floor #1445 New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF COOPERATIVE APARTMENT SECURITY

By virtue of default in a security agreement dated May 13, 2008, executed by Maritza Poupart, Debtor, and in accordance with its rights as holder of the Security, Newrez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, by Terence Gee, John William O'Keefe, or Stephan Marcelin (Auctioneers) will conduct a public sale of the security consisting of 356 shares of common stock allocated to Unit / Apt. 37 in 447 Ft. Washington Owners Corp., and all rights title and interest in and to a Proprietary Lease between said corporation and debtor for Unit / Apt. 37 in a building known as and by the street address, 447 Fort Washington Avenue, New York, NY 10033, together with fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with said apartment on the 11th of August, in the year 2026 at 1:00 PM at the Portico of the New York County Courthouse, 60 Centre St, New York, NY 10007, in satisfaction of an indebtedness in the principal amount of $225,568.23 plus interest, late fees, attorney's fees, maintenance in arrears and all other advanced charges, an accounting of which will be provided upon request. Such sale shall be subject to the terms of sale, any existing tenancy, and the consent of and payment of all sums due, if any, to 447 Ft. Washington Owners Corp., and/or their attorneys. The secured party reserves the right to bid. Certified funds made payable to McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, as attorneys for the Secured Party for ten (10%) percent of price bid. No cash accepted. Closing within 30 days.

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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF QUEENS

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MAY 1, 2006, FREEMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-A, MORTGAGE-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-A,

Plaintiff,

Against

JASON DANTZLER, et al

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 07/21/2025, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in Courtroom #25 of the Queens County Supreme Court, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, on 8/14/2026 at 10:00AM, premises known as 137-23 Bedell Street, Queens, New York 11413, and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York.

Block 13022 Lot 34

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is $950,940.48 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 726708/2021

Austin Idehen, Esq., Referee.

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BETTER DAYS: Arantxa Sánchez Vicario claimed the 1998 French Open singles title among her four Grand Slams. AP

Ex-tennis star left penniless

By VALENTINA MARTINEZ

Arantxa Sánchez Vicario was once the No. 1 tennis player in the world. Now, Sánchez Vicario is penniless after her ex-husband drained her $41 million fortune, she claims.

"I focused on playing tennis and never handled my own financial affairs because I didn't know how. I trusted my husband ... And the [31 million pounds] vanished. I was left to shoulder the entire burden," Sánchez Vicario recently said on Spanish TV show "Universo Callejo," according to The Sun.

Sánchez Vicario and her ex-husband, Josep Santacana, were found guilty of fraud in January 2024. The couple allegedly hid assets in an attempt to avoid paying large debts to the Banque de Luxembourg.

Sánchez Vicario claims, though, that she is a "victim" and still is only avoiding jail by giving half her earnings "to the bank."

She made similar claims about Santacana at the trial.

"I just expect the truth to be told and this to be over," Santacana told reporters during the case.

She was initially sentenced to a two-year sentence, but it was waived because she promised to pay back the debts.

However, it was not the first time she dealt with financial issues.

Sánchez Vicario was ordered in 2009 by the Supreme Court to pay a $5.9 million fine for tax fraud.

The ruling covered the period between 1989 and 1993 when, according to the court ruling, Sánchez Vicario was a resident of Spain rather than Andorra, as she had claimed.

The four-time Grand Slam singles winner avoided jail time and is paying debts to the bank. Santacana was sentenced to three years and three months in prison.

The 54-year-old said she had no knowledge of wrongdoing as her ex-husband was responsible for handling the money. They divorced in 2019.

Sánchez Vicario, who retired from tennis in 2002, was married to the entrepreneur from 2008 to 2019. Sánchez Vicario and Santacana share a son and daughter.

The Barcelona-born tennis star was one of the top players in the sport in the 1990s and rose to No. 1 in the world after winning the French Open and U.S. Open in 1994.

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Saratoga

Analysis by Vic Cangialosi

Lock of the Day
My Guns Loaded (3rd)
Lock Record: 5 for 11 (45%)
Meet Record: 28/119 $172.10

1 7 fur; $41,000; mdn clm($20,000); 3up(f)

Friday, the 13th day of the meet. Two stakes. The Shuvee and Rick Violette...**CAMILLES LEGACY** One dirt start. Last in a 3 horse field. Sneaks lower, runs longer for Duggan. Katie Davis stays on; so do we. **TWO BY TWO BY TWO** Turf to dirt for Cox. The M/L fave is 0 for 2 on dirt. 3rd of 7 at this distance. Irad replaces Franco. Rides Keeneland shipper **OATH** for Rice. Close 2nd, distant 7th on dirt.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	All Fun N Games(L),126	C Elliott	4-5-4	Deiter	12-1
2	Babcie(L),122	J Alvarado	7-x-x	Giddings	7-2
3	Hanna's Hideaway(L),122	J Rodriguez	3-6-10	Bartkowski	8-1
4	Ms Nikki D(L),122	R Santana, Jr	10-9-11	Ferraro	20-1
5	Camille's Legacy(L),122	K Davis	3-5-x	Duggan	6-1
6	Big Jackie(L),122	E Zayas	5-4-4	Ferraro	12-1
7	Two by Two by Two(L),122	I Ortiz, Jr	4-5-3	Cox	9-5
8	Oath(L),126	M Franco	7-2-x	Rice	3-1

2 1 1/16 miles(T); $115,000; mdn; 2YO(f)

Two-year-old fillies making 2 turns on the turf. **JUST PEACHY** ran evenly for 2nd in her opener. Brisset stretches the daughter of Golden Pal longer; gets Prat to ride. **MARGIES GIRL** Close 3rd, then 2nd sprinting on dirt. Makes grass debut for McPeek. **CONFLICT** (Cox/Irad/Golden Pal), **MANDY STEPH** (Clement/Franco/Constitution) and **CELEBRATE** (Pletcher/Johnny V/Medaglia Doro) are live first-timers.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Miss Ma'am,123	J Rodriguez	4-x-x	Green	12-1
2	Mandy Steph,123	M Franco	x-x-x	Clement	9-2
3	Conflict,123	I Ortiz, Jr	x-x-x	Cox	4-1
4	Harmony Mill,123	D Davis	x-x-x	Handal	8-1
5	Margie's Girl,123	J Ortiz	2-3-x	McPeek	7-2
6	Loop D Loop,123	T Gaffalione	x-x-x	Weaver	10-1
7	Just Peachy,123	F Prat	2-x-x	Brisset	5-2
8	Celebrate,123	J Velazquez	x-x-x	Pletcher	8-1
9	Bolt Island,123	J Velazquez	x-x-x	Casse	12-1
10	Bittersweet Memory,123	D Davis	x-x-x	Danner	8-1
11	Texas Dandelion,123	J Ortiz	2-3-x	Sharp	4-1

3 1 mile; $120,000; alw; 3up(f)

Boom! **MY GUNS LOADED** powered from off the pace to win here in June. Gets the extra furlong for Chad Brown. **NYCON** ran 2nd in the Busher mile at Aqueduct. 1st time lasix; 1st time Gaffalione. **SOUNDBITE** Couple of lengths shy, this level/distance last out. Scored, same distance at the Spa last summer; hasn't won since. Nevin gets Irad to snap the skid. **BOW DRAW** won by open lengths earlier in the meet. Asmussen takes her higher off the healthy Beyer.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Brunch With Amy(L),126	F Prat	3-6-3	Rice	8-1
2	Bernieandtherose(L),126	K Davis	6-3-1	Schettino	12-1
3	Nycon(M),121	T Gaffalione	4-2-2	Beckman	5-1
4	Fast and Frisky(L),126	R Silvera	6-1-4	Charlerie	30-1
5	Krissys Star(L),121	J Rodriguez	2-2-7	Morey	12-1
6	My Gun's Loaded(L),121	M Franco	1-8-x	C Brown	4-5
7	Lika Rolling Stone(L),126	C Elliott	7-2-5	Arriaga	15-1
8	Bow Draw(L),126	J Ortiz	1-2-3	Asmussen	8-1
9	Soundbite(L),126	I Ortiz, Jr	4-4-3	Nevin	10-1

4 1 mile; $52,000; clm($20,000); 4up

Will **HOURS IN A DAY** move forward for Linda Rice after three straight 3rd place finishes at the Big A? Lezcano stays on. **GLEN AIRY** Close 2nd, midpack 5th before shipping from Churchill. Moves lower for Maker. Irad on; blinkers on. **RUNGIUS** makes seasonal debut for Levine. 0 for 6 last year and 0 for 6 at this distance but softly spotted for return. **NEON BORDEAUX** led, settled for 2nd at Laurel. 3 for 5 at this shorter distance. Prat picks him up for Dutrow.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Glen Airy(L),123	I Ortiz, Jr	5-2-3	Maker	2-1
2	Authentic Gallop(L),123	K Carmouche	10-5-7	LaRose	12-1
3	Get a Job(L),121	J Rodriguez	8-3-4	Abreu	8-1
4	Awesome Empire(L),123	J Ortiz	6-3-7	Sharp	5-1
5	Rock the Weekend(L),123	O Hrndz Mreno	6-1-5	Shivmangal	20-1
6	Hours in a Day(L),121	J Lezcano	3-3-3	Rice	6-1
7	Rungius(L),121	R Santana, Jr	6-5-3	Levine	7-2
8	Neon Bordeaux(L),121	F Prat	2-3-4	R Dutrow	9-2

5 6 1/2 fur; $42,000; clm($20,000); 3up

Too late? **RUMBLYOUNGMANRUMBL** graduated (6th start) wire-to-window at 22-1 here on the 3rd of July. Looking for a repeat performance under Irad. **SWAGING** Turf to dirt for Rice. Scored 2 back on dirt under Rodriguez. Rebound in cards. **RESIDE** Route to sprint for Potts after a tired 7th. Stretch runner gets a pace to chase. Value's up; Santana up. **SALMING** showed 3rd last pair with comparable company.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Salming(L),126	M Franco	3-3-5	Abreu	5-1
2	Detail Oriented(L),126	E Zayas	7-10-6	Kantarmaci	20-1
3	Majestic Arc(L),126	K Davis	2-2-3	Shivmangal	15-1
4	Diamond Child(L),122	J Alvarado	12-13-3	Giddings	6-1
5	Shellac(L),126	R Silvera	6-3-8	Abreu	8-1
6	Reside(L),122	R Santana, Jr	7-8-4	Potts	20-1
7	Sports Hero(L),126	J Lezcano	5-3-1	Ryerson	6-1
8	RumblyoungmanrumblL,122	I Ortiz, Jr	1-5-7	Donk	8-1
9	Into Inspiration(L),126	R Gutierrez	3-6-4	Jimenez	20-1
10	Swaging(L),126	J Rodriguez	9-1-3	Rice	7-2
11	Tedder(L),122	C Elliott	9-2-1	Stall	9-2

6 5 1/2 fur(T); $115,000; mdn; 2YO(f)

Career debuts for these 2YO fillies. Our order of finish? **RUNAWAY BRIDE** (Beckman/Gaffalione/Charlatan), **WITHOUT HESITATION** (Ward/J Ortiz/Jackies Warrior), **BREAKER** (Pletcher/Irad/Into Mischief), **QUARTZ MOUNTAIN** (Ward/J Ortiz/Golden Pal) and **SOUND OF MADNESS** (Walden/Franco/Quality Road).

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Mitoleon Dynamite,123	C Elliott	5-x-x	Green	20-1
2	Dazzling,123	J Velazquez	8-x-x	Asmussen	6-1
3	Hunter Creek,123	K Davis	x-x-x	Proctor	15-1
4	Quartz Mountain,123	J Ortiz	x-x-x	Ward	7-2
5	Red Coats Coming,123	L Saez	7-x-x	Sharp	8-1
6	Breaker,123	I Ortiz, Jr	x-x-x	Pletcher	6-1
7	Runaway Bride,123	T Gaffalione	x-x-x	Beckman	6-1
8	Sound of Madness,123	M Franco	x-x-x	Walden	5-1
9	Girls Wear Pearls,123	F Prat	3-x-x	Antonucci	9-2
10	Space for Grace,123	J Lezcano	x-x-x	Dini	15-1
11	Duty Bound,123	L Saez	x-x-x	Sisterson	12-1
12	Shinobu,123	M Franco	4-x-x	Sharp	10-1
13	Without Hesitation,123	J Ortiz	x-x-x	Ward	2-1

7 1 1/16 miles(T); $110,000; alw; 3up(f)

No for 10 on turf, **HELLO BEAUTY** will be priced accordingly. Runnerup 2 of last 3, this distance. Has speed; may be on the lead. **SWEETEST PRINCESS** Only 3/4 shy with similar. Choice if we're off turf. **MOMMYS TURN** was 4th as fave behind **NONNA LYNNE** and **SARATOGA SNOW** who ran 2-3. Mommys Turn won the Suzie Ocain at this longer distance here last summer and gets a rider change to Prat. **STARSHIP PEGASUS** has won 2 of last 3. The loss was in the Pebbles. Must be considered.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Saratoga Snow(L),126	J Alvarado	3-2-5	Dini	6-1
2	Can't Fool Me(L),126	R Santana, Jr	4-5-2	Abreu	8-1
3	Sweet Anniversary(L),126	J Ortiz	4-3-7	Ferraro	6-1
4	Nonna Lynne(L),126	M Franco	2-2-1	C Brown	4-1
5	Starship Pegasus(L),126	K Carmouche	1-6-1	Nevin	7-2
6	Hello Beauty(L),126	J Lezcano	7-6-1	Quick	15-1
7	Golden Rocket(L),126	D Davis	4-3-1	Bailes	6-1
8	Mommy's Turn(L),126	F Prat	4-1-2	C Brown	3-1
9	Giant At Work(L),126	J Rodriguez	5-2-5	Baker	6-1
10	Boxed Wine(L),126	R Santana, Jr	4-4-1	Abreu	5-2
11	Higher Force(L),126	C Elliott	1-4-7	Rodriguez	3-1
12	Sweetest Princess(L),126	J Lezcano	2-6-7	Rice	7-2

8 1 1/8 miles; $250,000; Shuvee; 4up(f)

The **SCOTTISH LASSIE** is ready to roll after crushing optional claimers by 8+ lengths. Won the 2025 Coaching Club American Oaks at this longer distance by 15+ lengths, leading at every call. J Ortiz replaces Prat. Stays on **FULLY SUBSCRIBED** who was 2nd best in a pair of Grade 1s. Won the Mother Goose and Comely at this distance last year. 7 starts; never off the board. **VALTELLINA** loads off a 2nd place finish in the Critical Eye. Won the Empire Distaff, same distance last year but 5th behind Fully Subscribed in the Comely. Gaffalione at a price.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Snowyte,120	L Saez	2-1-2	Gargan	6-1
2	Aeolian,120	D Davis	1-1-2	C Brown	15-1
3	Fully Subscribed,124	F Prat	2-2-1	C Brown	2-1
4	Scottish Lassie,124	J Ortiz	1-4-1	Abreu	9-5
5	Bless the Broken,120	I Ortiz, Jr	2-3-2	Cox	7-2
6	Eunomia,122	J Velazquez	6-2-1	Joseph	8-1
7	Valtellina,120	T Gaffalione	2-5-1	Handal	20-1

9 1 1/16 miles(T); $200,000; Rick Violette; 3YO

Stake debut for **A LITTLE AT FIRST** after topping an allowance field at the Spa in June. Irad rides for DePaz. **SUNDAY BOY** MTO. Wire-to-wire winner here earlier this month. **SPIRIT OF NEW YORK** Short stick in 3-way win photo in a stallion stake. Never raced this far but may benefit, 2nd off the layoff for Cox. J Ortiz replaces Franco who stays on **CAROLINE ST BEAT**. Debuted with a W at this distance then a fast closing 2nd in the shorter Notebook. And **VOODOO DOLL** is 3 for 3. Makes stake debut as well. Versatile; can win from on/off pace.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Spirit of New York,124	J Ortiz	3-7-4	Cox	6-1
2	Voodoo Doll,122	E Zayas	1-1-1	Casse	7-2
3	Newlyn,120	R Santana, Jr	4-1-4	Weaver	10-1
4	Manor Park,120	T Gaffalione	1-3-9	Begg	10-1
5	Chummers,120	F Prat	1-8-9	Handal	6-1
6	A Little At First,122	I Ortiz, Jr	1-5-1	De Paz	2-1
7	Caroline St. Beat,120	M Franco	2-1-x	Clement	3-1
8	Sunday Boy,124	Rider TBA	1-4-3	Ryerson	3-1
9	Minorinconvenience,124	R Santana, Jr	6-3-10	Green	7-2
10	Max Money,124	Rider TBA	1-6-1	Maker	5-2

10 1 1/2 miles(T); $115,000; mdn; 3up

WAR AND MAJESTY stretched to 1 1/2 miles and ran 2nd behind a next out winner. Saez picks up the Kentucky shipper for Romans. **INSTANTLY** debuted 6th of 12 at Churchill. Finished well and Walden gives him more ground. Irad up. **GOLD SOVEREIGN** extends longer after racing evenly, a 1/2 dozen short. Runnerup previous pair under Prat.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Lahainaluna(L),126	T Gaffalione	4-4-3	Sharp	8-1
2	Limited Edition(L),126	R Santana, Jr	5-2-3	Antonacci	6-1
3	Mortal Lock(L),126	M Franco	2-8-12	Weaver	12-1
4	Gold Sovereign(L),126	F Prat	4-2-2	C Brown	4-1
5	Instantly(L),121	I Ortiz, Jr	6-x-x	Walden	7-2
6	Donnadoyawanna(L),121	K Carmouche	5-5-x	Pletcher	12-1
7	Orgonite(L),126	J Velazquez	3-4-3	Donk	9-2
8	Daunting(FR)(L),121	J Ortiz	9-x-x	Pletcher	8-1
9	War and Majesty(L),126	L Saez	2-3-8	Romans	6-1
10	Battle(L),121	K Carmouche	6-x-x	Gargan	9-2

PLAY OF THE DAY

Bet All Of It (6-5) and lost $30 when she tired and finished off the board. Bourbon Day scratched.

Two bets on Friday. Play $8 across the board on Rumblyoungmanrumbl in Race 5 and Hello Beauty in Race 7.

— *Vic Cangialosi*

Saratoga Results

FIRST-7 fur; $52,000; md cl($35,0); 3up (f&m)
5 Credit Risk (Saez) 12.92 6.26 4.56
7 Nosetomknos (Rodrguz) 9.76 6.50
1 That's Amore (Davis) 7.18
Scr: Golden Miracle
● $1 Exacta (5-7) $42.23 ● $0.1 Superfecta (5-7-1-6) $429.71 ● $0.5 Trifecta (5-7-1) $301.42

SECOND-1 1/16 mile; $65,000; cl($55,0); 3up
8 Gun Brrl Cty (Frnc) 23.48 12.16 6.46
7 Mddle Market (Alvardo) 23.16 11.48
2 Maxmum Promse (SantanaJr.) 3.76
Scr: Who's Your Zaddy, First Call Bob
● $1 Daily Double (5-8) $45.27 ● $1 Exacta (8-7) $247.49 ● $1 Quinella (7-8) $147.11 ● $0.1 Superfecta (8-7-2-5) $238.33 ● $0.5 Trifecta (8-7-2) $621.51

THIRD-7 fur; $37,000; clm($12,500); 4up
1 Nrmndy Cst (OrtzJr.) 5.94 3.38 2.68
3 Norwich (Santana,Jr.) 3.54 2.76
7 Mr Skylight (Elliott) 4.12
Scr: Quiet Wisdom, Riyadh Moon
● $1 Pick 3 (5-8-1) $234.30 ● $1 Daily Double (8-1) $40.82 ● $1 Exacta (1-3) $6.95 ● $0.1 Superfecta (1-3-7-8) $6.00 ● $0.5 Trifecta (1-3-7) $13.34

FOURTH-1 mile 1 fur; $130,000; alw; 4up
5 Salamis (Prat) 4.72 2.72 2.10
7 Sand Pipes (Carmouche) 5.38 2.68
2 Spirit of St Louis (Franco) 2.10
Scr: Bramito,Otello,BourbonDay,LeGris,Vibe
● $1 Pick 3 (8-1-5) $95.52 ● $1 Daily Double (1-5) $8.65 ● $1 Exacta (5-7) $11.25 ● $1 Quinella (5-7) $9.09 ● $0.1 Superfecta (5-7-2-6) $7.22 ● $0.5 Trifecta (5-7-2) $9.10

FIFTH-5½ fur; $90,000; mdn spl wt; 2YO F
9 Sde Qust (OrtzJr.) 6.28 4.04 3.22
6 All Show (Velazquez) 11.08 7.22
2 Quoted (Prat) 5.56
Scr: Night Sky, Instant Stardom
● $1 Pick 3 (1-5-9) $25.09 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (8-1-5-9) $160.21 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (5-8-1-5-9) $1116.75 ● $1 Daily Double (5-9) $10.18 ● $1 Exacta (9-6) $31.83 ● $0.1 Superfecta (9-6-2-5) $187.01 ● $0.5 Trifecta (9-6-2) $111.54

Winner picked by Vic C

SIXTH-6 fur; $43,000; clm($20,000); 3up
1 Ancnt Wrld (OrtzJr.) 3.64 3.20 2.76
7 Epitaph (Zayas) 11.62 6.80
9 Schlomo (Lezcano) 3.66
● $1 Pick 3 (5-9-1) $15.13 ● $1 Daily Double (9-1) $7.06 ● $1 Exacta (1-7) $19.23 ● $0.1 Superfecta (1-7-9-10) $103.13 ● $0.5 Trifecta (1-7-9) $56.31

Double picked by Vic C

SEVENTH-1 1/16m; $200,000; Suzie Ocain; 3Y
7 Csmc Cndy Grl (Elltt) 55.62 20.48 9.32
8 Consderate Cty (Gfflone) 8.82 4.94
1 New York Special (Zayas) 4.20
Scr: Coach of the Year, Lady Rose, Encantar
● $1 Pick 3 (9-1-7) $249.55 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (1-5-9-1-7) $2083.11 ● $1 Daily Double (1-7) $122.34 ● $1 Exacta (7-8) $181.43 ● $0.1 Superfecta (7-8-1-6) $309.95 ● $0.5 Trifecta (7-8-1) $347.28

EIGHTH-7 fur; $130,000; alw; 4up (f&m)
4 Buty Rgns (Alvrd) 10.06 4.32 2.90
2 Senza Parole (Ortiz,Jr.) 3.42 2.64
1 Munnings Express (Lezcano) 3.18
● $1 Grand Slam (2/6/9/11/12-1/7/9-1/7/8-4) $197.05 ● $1 Pick 3 (1-7-4) $533.63 ● $1 Daily Double (7-4) $159.36 ● $1 Exacta (4-2) $15.37 ● $0.1 Superfecta (4-2-1-5) $26.38 ● $0.5 Trifecta (4-2-1) $23.69

Exacta picked by Vic C

NINTH-5½ fur; $56,000; md cl($50,0); 3upf
7 Grdn f Grc (Rdrgz) 14.74 7.36 3.58
4 Avry's Wndrlnd (OrtzJr.) 7.10 3.86
3 Midtown Mischief (Davis) 2.54
Scr: Jayme's Turn, My Devine One
● $1 Pick 6 (5-9-1-7-4-7) $138.27 ● $1 Pick 6 (5-9-1-7-4-7) $51883.84 ● $1 Pick 3 (7-4-7) $1673.41 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (1-7-4-7) $2586.57 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (9/11/12-1-7-4-7) $11532.28 ● $1 Daily Double (4-7) $32.74 ● $1 Exacta (7-4) $56.60 ● $0.1 Superfecta (7-4-3-8) $169.91 ● $0.5 Trifecta (7-4-3) $92.98

Double picked by Vic C.

Yonkers entries for Friday

FIRST: Mile pace; $23,000; cond

1	Maybemabel	(CKelly)	1-1-2	7-2
2	Ideal Cover	(PLachance)	6-1-2	10-1
3	Dandy's Mercy	(TButer)	1-5-5	2-1
4	AnnaLovesBanans	(VGnsbrg)	1-4-6	8-1
5	Lucky Artist A	(ASiegelman)	2-6-6	6-1
6	Lydeo	(MKakaley)	2-6-4	9-2
7	Chanceoflightning	(JStrattn)	2-1-6	5-1
8	Ultimate Speed	(DDube)	4-4-2	20-1

SECOND: Mile trot; $15,000; cond

1	Melissa P	(VGinsburg)	3-6-6	8-1
2	AirmansJackpot	(PLachance)	6-2-8	4-1
3	Southside Bar	(BHolland)	2-4-5	3-1
4	Warrior One	(TButer)	7-6-3	5-2
5	Big Charlie Moran	(CKelly)	4-3-8	20-1
6	Bo Silas	(DDube)	4-1-X	9-2
7	Kasha V	(JMarohn)	4-8-5	20-1
8	Spanish Room	(JStratton)	7-3-6	20-1

THIRD: Mile pace; $19,000; cond

1	Island Bouhinia A	(TButer)	6-4-2	5-2
2	Discoveringthehunt	(JStrttn)	8-2-6	10-1
3	PromisingMoment	(BHollnd)	5-5-4	3-1
4	True Blue Hanover	(Marohn)	3-7-5	7-2
5	Cerise Rainbow A	(CKelly)	1-3-X	4-1
6	Racy Roxy A	(DDube)	2-1-6	8-1
7	Catnap	(VGinsburg)	7-2-4	20-1

FOURTH: Mile trot; $23,000; cond

1	Khaosan Road	(CKelly)	6-6-5	5-2
2	Classical Jane	(TButer)	1-2-1	9-2
3	Scudo Hanover	(DDube)	4-5-7	6-1
4	Vinny De Vie	(BHolland)	4-4-8	8-1
5	WarraweeWhisper	(Marohn)	7-7-1	5-1
6	Lucky Mum N	(ASiegelman)	7-2-6	20-1
7	E-Pass	(MKakaley)	2-4-6	20-1
8	K J Title	(JStratton)	1-4-3	4-1

FIFTH: Mile trot; $23,000; cond

1	Commodus A	(BHolland)	5-1-5	7-2
2	Highlandstarburst	(TButer)	1-1-2	2-1
3	Oliver The Great	(JMarohn)	2-5-3	8-1
4	Hot Flash Kimmy	(JStratton)	1-7-7	4-1
5	Bjm's Lil Man	(MKakaley)	3-3-2	9-2
6	HonoluluHanver	(ASegelmn)	5-3-1	20-1
7	Jas Bluestone	(CKelly)	3-5-3	15-1
8	Musical Ride	(PLachance)	2-8-6	20-1

SIXTH: Mile pace; $21,000; cond

1	Coachellabound N	(TButer)	1-1-3	7-5
2	Hunting Hula	(PLachance)	6-6-7	6-1
3	Fear Danie	(MKakaley)	1-6-3	5-2
4	Survivin Fire	(JMarohn)	2-2-3	8-1
5	Dw's Darlene	(JStratton)	8-4-4	15-1
6	Avf Claire	(ASiegelman)	3-5-5	12-1
7	Distant Lover	(DDube)	2-1-2	20-1
8	BeckoningYankee	(BHolland)	4-5-5	15-1

SEVENTH: Mile trot; $21,000; cond

1	Credit To Frank	(TButer)	1-4-6	9-5
2	Hand Dover Dan	(DDube)	1-3-3	10-1
3	Pc Free Wheeling	(JStratton)	3-2-6	9-2
4	Mahone Seelster	(CKelly)	4-5-3	2-1
5	Austral Hanover	(JMarohn)	3-6-5	5-1
6	Street Gossip	(ASiegelman)	5-6-8	12-1
7	LionheartHanover	(MKakley)	7-3-1	20-1
8	Incantation	(PLachance)	5-6-6	20-1

EIGHTH: Mile pace; $28,000; cond

1	Time To Strike	(MKakaley)	7-4-1	5-1
2	Sheer Artistry N	(CKelly)	2-5-1	5-2
3	Nila Maree N	(JMarohn)	5-4-2	7-2
4	Post Painter N	(PLachance)	1-X-X	10-1
5	Elusive A	(ASiegelman)	3-5-1	8-1
6	LooklikediamondsA	(LTrittn)	1-4-4	9-2
7	Bri Express N	(JStratton)	3-5-3	20-1
8	Millwood Bliss N	(TButer)	6-6-2	12-1

NINTH: Mile pace; $33,000; cond

1	Worklifebalance	(JStratton)	3-1-1	3-1
2	Coastal Babe N	(CKelly)	1-7-4	2-1
3	Seaside Diva	(JMarohn)	5-6-7	8-1
4	Sweetnikkilou A	(TButer)	1-1-2	7-2
5	Stayingwiththewnd	(Kkley)	6-3-2	15-1
6	Silk Cloud A	(LTritton)	2-3-1	5-1
7	Ambushed	(ASiegelman)	4-3-4	20-1
8	Glittering Hope	(BHolland)	5-4-1	20-1

TENTH: Mile pace; $15,000; claiming

1	MoonlightShadow	(VGnsbrg)	4-2-5	12-1
2	Shine A Light	(BHolland)	2-1-1	4-5
3	Decision Day	(JStratton)	3-2-2	5-1
4	Deedenuto A	(ASiegelman)	6-7-3	20-1
5	Artist Best	(MKakaley)	6-1-3	5-1
6	Rose Run Astro	(TButer)	2-2-6	6-1
7	I'm Some Graduate	(DDube)	5-4-2	20-1
8	Pink Floyd Hanover	(CKelly)	8-4-4	20-1

NEW YORK POST ACTION

The POST Line

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Friday

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
PHILLIES	**$107-131**	Yankees
Dodgers	**$127-156**	**METS**
TIGERS	**$202-247**	Royals
RAYS	**$116-141**	Guardians
RED SOX	**$105-129**	Blue Jays
WHITE SOX	**$124-152**	Astros
Mariners	**-101-121**	RANGERS
TWINS	**$118-143**	Athletics
BREWERS	**$198-245**	Rockies
PIRATES	**$103-126**	Cubs
Diamondbacks	**-102-117**	NATIONALS
MARLINS	**$116-136**	Padres
CARDINALS	**$138-169**	Reds
Braves	**-102-116**	ORIOLES
GIANTS	**$136-166**	Angels

Home team in CAPS

CFL

Favorite	Friday PTS (O/U)	Underdog
BLUE BOMBERS	**1.5 (60.5)**	Stampeders
	Saturday	
Argonauts	**3.5 (58.5)**	LIONS
	Sunday	
ALOUETTES	**10.5 (57.5)**	Tiger-Cats

WNBA

Favorite	Saturday PTS (O/U)	Underdog
Team Weatherspoon	**3.5 (279.5)**	Team Cooper

game held in Chicago

NFL

Favorite	Wed. Sept. 9 PTS (O/U)	Underdog
SEAHAWKS	**3.5 (44.5)**	Patriots
	Thur. Sept. 10	
RAMS	**3 (48.5)**	49ers
	Sun. Sept. 13	
Cowboys	**2.5 (48.5)**	**GIANTS**
TITANS	**3 (39.5)**	**Jets**
LIONS	**7 (48.5)**	Saints
JAGUARS	**7.5 (40.5)**	Browns
Bears	**2.5 (44.5)**	PANTHERS
Bills	**1.5 (45.5)**	TEXANS
Ravens	**3.5 (49.5)**	COLTS
BENGALS	**3.5 (50.5)**	Buccaneers
STEELERS	**3 (42.5)**	Falcons
CHARGERS	**11.5 (45.5)**	Cardinals
EAGLES	**5.5 (46.5)**	Commanders
RAIDERS	**3 (41.5)**	Dolphins
Packers	**1.5 (44.5)**	VIKINGS
	Monday	
CHIEFS	**2.5 (42.5)**	Broncos

Home Teams In CAPS

TOP PLAY

Bank on Yanks-Phils Under

By SEAN TREPPEDI

If not for steady pitching, the Yankees could have cratered out of the AL East race through their deep hitting slump in early summer. They lead MLB with a 3.42 ERA heading into this weekend's series at Citizen's Bank Park.

After making a surprise relief appearance Wednesday, Will Warren (7-4, 4.03 ERA) will rejoin the rotation with 12 days since his last start. Although the right-handed sophomore is susceptible to a clunker here and there, he's made the most of being the "next man up" as a dependable rotation piece, showing improved command and a strong strikeout-to-walk ratio.

Besides, the bullpen has provided a stabilized bridge into late innings with several high-leverage options such as Fernando Cruz, David Bednar and Camilo Doval that have helped produce a second-best 3.08 ERA.

There's no need to sell Jesús Luzardo's (9-4, 3.43 ERA) upside. The Phillies southpaw's high-velocity repertoire has produced eye-popping swing-and-miss stuff, sitting within the top eight percent in Statcast's strikeout percentage. Philadelphia's

You simply can't trust this mercurial Yankees lineup any night while Philadelphia relies heavily on sudden scoring bursts.

THE PLAY: Yankees-Phillies Under 8.5 runs.

Pitching Form

		(Game time)	2026			'25 vs OPP		CAREER	LAST 3 STARTS		
			W-L	ERA	*REC	W-L	ERA	vs OPP	W-L	IP	ERA
Dodgers	Sasaki (R)		3-5	4.98	9-8	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	14.2	5.52
Mets	Manaea (L)	(7:10pm)	2-5	4.74	2-5	0-0	0.00	1-5	1-2	16.2	4.86
Yankees	Warren (R)		7-4	4.03	13-6	–	–	0-0	0-1	14.1	5.65
Phillies	Luzardo (L)	(6:45pm)	9-4	3.43	14-6	–	–	0-3	3-0	18.0	1.00
Braves	Holmes (R)		6-4	3.70	12-6	0-1	3.00	0-1	2-0	15.0	2.40
Orioles	Rogers (L)	(7:05pm)	6-7	4.28	9-9	1-0	0.00	1-7	1-0	17.1	1.04
Angels	Rodriguez (R)		3-3	8.23	3-5	–	–	0-0	1-1	11.2	8.49
Giants	Webb (R)	(10:15pm)	5-7	3.87	5-12	0-1	1.50	0-1	0-2	16.2	8.10
Royals	Cameron (L)		5-8	5.28	5-14	0-0	6.75	0-0	1-2	17.0	6.88
Tigers	Skubal (L)	(6:40pm)	6-5	2.83	8-6	0-0	0.00	4-9	2-1	17.0	1.59
Guardians	Cantillo (L)		8-5	3.74	14-7	0-0	0.00	1-0	1-2	15.0	3.00
Rays	McClanahan (L)	(7:10pm)	8-6	3.16	10-8	0-0	0.00	0-1	2-1	17.1	2.60
Blue Jays	Yesavage (R)		4-5	3.78	6-9	1-0	2.13	1-0	0-2	13.2	5.93
Red Sox	Sandoval (L)	(7:15pm)	0-0	4.82	2-0	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	11.2	3.86
Astros	Arrighetti (R)		7-5	4.34	9-7	0-0	0.00	0-1	0-1	15.0	6.00
White Sox	Martin (R)	(7:40pm)	9-5	3.31	12-7	0-1	5.73	0-1	0-2	13.0	5.54
Mariners	Miller (R)		4-4	2.27	4-6	0-0	0.00	0-3	1-2	17.2	3.06
Rangers	Gore (L)	(8:05pm)	6-8	4.80	10-11	1-1	4.50	2-1	1-1	14.2	7.98
Athletics	Lopez (L)		4-4	6.64	5-7	–	–	1-1	0-2	8.0	10.12
Twins	Matthews (R)	(8:10pm)	4-7	5.40	5-7	1-0	1.80	1-0	0-2	13.2	10.54
Rockies	Sugano (R)		9-4	4.76	11-6	0-0	0.00	0-0	2-0	17.1	5.71
Brewers	Drohan (L)	(4:10pm)	5-3	3.20	6-4	1-0	4.26	1-0	2-1	18.1	3.44
Cubs	Boyd (L)		6-1	4.15	8-2	1-0	4.50	1-3	3-0	18.1	2.45
Pirates	Jones (R)	(6:40pm)	2-1	4.05	6-3	0-0	0.00	1-2	1-0	15.0	1.20
D'Backs	Rodriguez (L)		8-3	2.62	15-5	0-1	5.68	3-2	1-1	14.2	5.52
Nationals	Littell (R)	(6:45pm)	7-7	5.34	7-6	1-0	1.80	2-1	1-2	16.0	7.88
Padres	Márquez (R)		4-2	5.24	7-2	1-0	5.40	4-3	1-0	12.0	3.75
Marlins	TBD	(7:10pm)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Reds	Lowder (R)		3-7	5.75	5-9	0-0	0.00	1-0	0-3	12.2	12.08
Cardinals	May (R)	(8:15pm)	5-7	4.78	9-10	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	13.2	4.61

*** REC:** Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started.

SPORTS SHORTS

MLB: Surging Tigers beat Royals

James Outman hit a three-run homer in the seventh inning, **Dillon Dingler** had a tiebreaking double in the eighth and the surging Tigers beat the Royals 4-3 in Detroit.

The Tigers have won 14 of 19 games to potentially persuade the franchise to keep **Tarik Skubal** and make a push for the playoffs, instead of dealing the two-time Cy Young Award winner before the Aug. 3 trade deadline.

Skubal told reporters before the game his preference is to finish the season with the Tigers and compete for a championship, though he knows his next start could be his last with the team.

● In Toronto, **Shane Bieber** pitched a season-high seven innings to win his second straight start and the Blue Jays beat the Rays 3-1 to avoid a four-game sweep.

● In Atlanta, **Chris Sale** matched a season high with 11 strikeouts and the Braves hit four home runs in a 6-5 win over the Padres. The Braves took three of four from San Diego.

● In St. Louis, **Tyler Locklear** went 3-for-4 with a homer and three RBIs and the Diamondbacks beat the Cardinals 10-6.

● In Cleveland, **Trevor Larnach** and **Luke Keaschall** delivered two-out RBI singles in the 12th inning, giving the Twins a 3-1 win over the Guardians and a split of their four-game series.

NFL: Raiders sign No. 1 pick Mendoza

Quarterback **Fernando Mendoza**, the top overall pick in this year's draft, signed a four-year, $57.27 million contract with the Raiders. The Raiders hold a fifth-year option. Mendoza was the last of their 10 draft picks to sign.

● The Panthers have lost outside linebacker **Nic Scourton** for the season after he suffered a torn ACL in his right knee on the first day of training camp, according to a person familiar with the situation.

● The Ravens waived quarterback **Diego Pavia**, just a day before rookies were to report to training camp. Pavia, the Heisman Trophy runner-up last season at Vanderbilt, signed as an undrafted free agent in April.

NHL: Kane rejoins Blackhawks

Patrick Kane has rejoined the Chicago Blackhawks, agreeing to a $16 million, two-year contract with his first NHL team. The deal, which includes a full no-movement clause, was announced by the Blackhawks.

Kane, 37, spent his first 15-plus seasons in Chicago, helping the Blackhawks win three Stanley Cup championships.

GOLF: Kohles takes 3M Open lead

Ben Kohles eagled the final hole for a 9-under 62 and a two-shot lead after the first round of the 3M Open, leaving top-ranked **Scottie Scheffler** three shots back in Blaine, Minn.

● Fresh from a sixth-place finish at the Open Championship, **Lucas Herbert** fired an 11-under-par 61 to take a three-shot lead after one round of LIV Golf United Kingdom in Rocester, England.

STITCHES

It's Miller time. Take M's

The worst division in baseball? The AL West. The first-place Rangers and second-place Mariners, both hovering near the .500 mark, square off this weekend in Texas. Seattle's Bryce Miller lost his last start but gave up just two runs in 5 $^2/_3$ innings. The Rangers' MacKenzie Gore picked up the win in Atlanta but allowed five runs in 5 $^2/_3$. Where's the justice? $50 on the Mariners.

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A surprisingly good start and a predictable finish. The Padres jumped on Chris Sale and took an early 3-0 lead. But Griffin Canning did what he does. He gave up five runs, including three round-trippers to Michael Harris II, Ozzie Albies and Dominic Smith, and the Bravos held on to beat the Padres 6-5. While Mayor Mamdani can't arrest Benjamin Netanyahu for "crimes," maybe the mayor of San Diego can take Canning into custody for his crimes when he gets back. Back-to-back losses. Down -181 clifffloyds.

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Home Team Lineups

HOME AWAY

	TODAY July 24	SAT July 25	SUN July 26	MON July 27	TUE July 28
	Philadelphia 6:45 Apple TV 660 AM 101.9 FM	Philadelphia 6:05 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Philadelphia 7:20 NBC/Peacock 660 AM 101.9 FM	White Sox 7:40 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	White Sox 7:40 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM
	Dodgers 7:10 PIX11 880 AM	Dodgers 7:15 Fox 880 AM	Dodgers 1:40 SNY 880 AM	Atlanta 7:10 SNY 880 AM	Atlanta 7:10 SNY 880 AM
	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	Los Angeles 10:00 My9

Saturday	Saturday	Today
FC Charlotte 6:30 Apple TV	Chicago Fire 7:30 Apple TV	Portland Thorns 10:00 Prime Video

Today's Sports on the Air

MLB BASEBALL		
4 p.m.	Rockies at Brewers	MLBN
6:45 p.m.	Yankees at Phillies	Apple TV, 660 AM, 101.9 FM
7 p.m.	Guardians at Rays	MLBN
7 p.m.	Blue Jays at Red Sox	Apple TV
7:10 p.m.	Dodgers at Mets	PIX11, 880 AM
NWSL WOMEN'S SOCCER		
10 p.m.	Gotham FC at Portland Thorns	Prime Video
WNBA BASKETBALL		
8 p.m.	3-Point Contest & Skills Challenge	ESPN
GOLF		
8 a.m.	LIV Golf League: United Kingdom, 2nd Round	FS2
8:30 a.m.	PGA Tour Champions: ISPS HANDA Senior Open, 2nd Round	Golf
4 p.m.	PGA Tour: 3M Open, 2nd Round	Golf
5:30 a.m. (Sat.)	LPGA Tour: ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open, 3rd Round	Golf
TBT BASKETBALL		
7 p.m.	Hall In at Boeheim's Army, 1st Round- Game 3	FS2
9 p.m.	The Enchantment at Aftershocks, 1st Round- Game 3	FS2
AUTO RACING		
7:30 a.m.	Formula 1: Hungarian Grand Prix, Practice	Apple TV
11 a.m.	Formula 1: Hungarian Grand Prix, Practice	Apple TV
1 p.m.	NASCAR Cup Series: Brickyard 400, In-Season Challenge	truTV
3 p.m.	NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series: TSport 200, Practice	FS1
4:05 p.m.	NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series: TSport 200, Qualifying	FS1
5:30 p.m.	ARCA Menards Series: Liuna 150	FS1
8 p.m.	NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series: TSport 200	FS1
TENNIS		
6 a.m.	ATP Kitzbuhel: Quarterfinals	Tennis
6 a.m.	ATP Estoril: Quarterfinals	Tennis
6 a.m.	WTA Hamburg: Quarterfinals	Tennis
6 a.m.	WTA Prague: Quarterfinals	Tennis
HORSE RACING		
1 p.m.	Saratoga Live	FS2
FLAG FOOTBALL		
10 a.m.	NFL Flag Football Boys and Girls Championships	NFLN
3 p.m.	NFL Flag Football Boys and Girls Championships	ESPN2, NFLN
5 p.m.	NFL Flag Football Boys and Girls Championships	ESPN, NFLN
6 p.m.	NFL Flag Football Boys and Girls Championships	ESPN2, NFLN
CYCLING		
7 a.m.	UCI: Tour de France, Stage 19	NBCSN
AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL		
11 p.m.	Gold Coast at Carlton	FS2
2 a.m. (Sat.)	Essendon at Hawthorn	FS2
2:30 a.m. (Sat.)	Sydney at Greater Western Sydney	FS1
X GAMES		
9 p.m.	MoonPay X Games New Orleans 2026: Day 1	ESPN

TENNIS

Favorites to win 2026 U.S. Open singles title

MEN	ODDS	WOMEN	ODDS
Jannik Sinner	-175	Aryna Sabalenka	+250
Carlos Alcaraz	+200	Iga Swiatek	+600
Alexander Zverev	+600	Coco Gauff	+600

ODDS & ENDS

WNBA
2026 updated win totals

MINNESOTA LYNX	ODDS
Over 33.3	-150
Under 33.5	+120
LAS VEGAS ACES	**ODDS**
Over 30.5	-115
Under 30.5	-115
GOLDEN STATE VALKYRIES	**ODDS**
Over 30.5	-115
Under 30.5	-115
DALLAS WINGS	**ODDS**
Over 28.5	-120
Under 28.5	-110
ATLANTA DREAM	**ODDS**
Over 27.5	-120
Under 27.5	-110
INDIANA FEVER	**ODDS**
Over 26.5	-130
Under 26.5	+100
NEW YORK LIBERTY	**ODDS**
Over 25.5	-140
Under 25.5	+110
WASHINGTON MYSTICS	**ODDS**
Over 21.5	-145
Under 21.5	+115
LOS ANGELES SPARKS	**ODDS**
Over 17.5	-145
Under 17.5	+115
CHICAGO SKY	**ODDS**
Over 16.5	+140
Under 16.5	-175
PHOENIX MERCURY	**ODDS**
Over 16.5	-145
Under 16.5	+110
PORTLAND FIRE	**ODDS**
Over 16.5	+100
Under 16.5	-130
TORONTO TEMPO	**ODDS**
Over 15.5	+125
Under 15.5	-160
CONNECTICUT SUN	**ODDS**
Over 11.5	-150
Under 11.5	+115
SEATTLE STORM	**ODDS**
Over 10.5	-140
Under 10.5	+105

3-point contest
Friday, Chicago

PLAYER	ODDS
Azzi Fudd (Wings)	+210
Marina Mabrey (Tempo)	+300
Janelle Salaun (Valkyries)	+450
Rhyne Howard (Dream)	+600
Bridget Carleton (Fire)	+600
Natisha Hiedeman (Storm)	+900

All-Star Game
Saturday, Chicago

MONEYLINE	ODDS
Team Spoon	-158
Team Coop	+134

BET SMART

Profitable decision in Abu Dhabi main

By ERICH RICHTER

There's a special early morning start time on Saturday as the UFC heads to Abu Dhabi this weekend.

Some names you probably have not seen or heard before are on this card, as Eastern European and Middle Eastern fighters often fight on cards like these if they have visa issues stateside.

Nine of the 12 fights this weekend are expected to end inside the distance, according to the oddsmakers.

The entire card begins bright and early on Saturday at 9 a.m. ET for the prelims, and the main card starts at 12 p.m. ET.

Here are our complete UFC Abu Dhabi predictions:

Magomed Ankalaev vs. Bogdan Guskov

No one would ever deny Ankalaev's talent. The former UFC light heavyweight champion has looked dominant at times but struggled during others with boneheaded decisions that resulted in his two losses.

Guskov hits hard as one of the stronger power punchers in the UFC, but is taking this fight on short notice, having been previously scheduled to fight Jan Blachowicz.

Guskov will need to win this fight by knockout, as Ankalaev will have better wrestling and higher levels of volume in the boxing department. For that reason, Guskov is a tough fighter to bet on even at a big underdog price of +430.

Ankalaev should come away with a victory here, but I suspect Guskov does a good enough job to stay competitive and not get knocked out, which the oddsmakers are projecting (Ankalaev to win by knockout is -140).

Guskov has fought this Russian style throughout his career while at Eastern European promotions such as Fight Nights Global and others.

This shouldn't be a totally unfamiliar spot for Guskov, and Ankalaev is usually a guy that avoids damage and coasts to a decision when he is allowed to do so.

Prediction: Ankalaev wins by decision (+440, FanDuel).

Steve Erceg vs. Ramazan Temirov

Pretty short turnaround for Erceg after he defeated Tim Elliott last time out in May, and he comes back into the octagon to fight Temirov.

We haven't seen Temirov since March 2025, as he returns from a 12-month performance-enhancing drug suspension.

That could be to his benefit as Temirov should come into this fight in career-best shape, with or without the performance enhancers.

Concerningly for Erceg is that he's turning around quickly for a fight, having just battled for 15 minutes against Elliott, where he absorbed 90 significant strikes.

It's hard to imagine that his body is in peak shape for this fight given the quick turnaround and for that reason I'll take Temirov to improve to 3-0 in the UFC.

Prediction: Temirov wins by KO/TKO or decision (+100, Fanatics Sportsbook).

Rest of the card

Islam Dulatov vs. Wellington Turman: Dulatov wins in Round 1 (-157, BetRivers).

Magomed Zaynukov vs. Damian Rzepecki: Small bet on Zaynukov by submission (14/1, FanDuel).

Rizvan Kuniev vs. Tyrell Fortune: Kuniev wins in Over 1.5 rounds (-110, DraftKings).

Abubakar Vagaev vs. Saygid Izagakhmaev: Vagaev moneyline for parlays (-235, Fanatics).

Valter Walker vs. Thomas Petersen: Over 1.5 rounds (-150, theScore Bet).

Dustin Jacoby vs. Muhammad Saidov: Fight goes to decision (+124, FanDuel).

Santiago Ponzinibbio vs. Sam Patterson: Patterson by KO/TKO (+125, DraftKings).

Ismael Bonfim vs. Axel Sola: Sola by decision (+290, FanDuel).

Magomed Tuchalov vs. Brendson Ribeiro: Over 0.5 rounds (-260, DraftKings).

Nurullo Aliev vs. Mike Davis: Over 1.5 rounds (-350, Fanatics) for parlays.

Cody Gibson vs. Abdul Hussein: Hussein by KO/TKO (+250, BetRivers).

Magomed Ankalaev

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AL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Tampa Bay	59	43	.578	—	—	4-6	L-1	35-15	24-28
Yankees	57	45	.559	2	+4½	7-3	W-1	26-23	31-22
Boston	52	49	.515	6½	—	9-1	L-1	23-28	29-21
Baltimore	50	53	.485	9½	3	8-2	W-1	28-25	22-28
Toronto	47	56	.456	12½	6	3-7	W-1	26-30	21-26

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Chicago	54	47	.535	—	—	7-3	W-1	31-17	23-30
Cleveland	54	50	.519	1½	+½	6-4	L-2	27-26	27-24
Minnesota	51	53	.490	4½	2½	5-5	W-2	26-25	25-28
Detroit	49	54	.476	6	4	6-4	W-2	28-23	21-31
Kansas City	43	61	.413	12½	10½	5-5	L-1	26-27	17-34

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Texas	51	51	.500	—	—	5-5	L-1	25-24	26-27
Seattle	51	52	.495	½	2	4-6	L-2	30-23	21-29
Houston	50	54	.481	2	3½	4-6	W-3	26-27	24-27
Athletics	43	59	.422	8	9½	2-8	L-2	20-30	23-29
Los Angeles	41	62	.398	10½	12	4-6	L-1	24-28	17-34

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Thursday

Minnesota 3, Cleveland 1, 12 inn.
Toronto 3, Tampa Bay 1
Detroit 4, Kansas City 3

Friday

Yankees at Philadelphia, 6:45
Kansas City at Detroit, 6:40
Atlanta at Baltimore, 7:05
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 7:10
Toronto at Boston, 7:15
Houston at White Sox, 7:40
Seattle at Texas, 8:05
Athletics at Minnesota, 8:10
L.A. Angels at San Francisco, 10:15

Saturday

Yankees at Philadelphia, 6:05
Kansas City at Detroit, 1:10
L.A. Angels at San Francisco, 4:05
Toronto at Boston, 4:10
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 6:10
Atlanta at Baltimore, 7:05
Athletics at Minnesota, 7:10
Houston at White Sox, 7:10
Seattle at Texas, 7:15

NL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Atlanta	60	42	.588	—	—	6-4	W-2	32-20	28-22
Philadelphia	56	47	.544	4½	+2	5-5	L-2	27-25	29-22
Miami	52	51	.505	8½	2	1-9	L-9	31-20	21-31
Washington	52	51	.505	8½	2	5-5	W-1	20-31	32-20
Mets	43	60	.417	17½	11	4-6	L-1	21-28	22-32

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Milwaukee	64	38	.627	—	—	6-4	W-1	34-19	30-19
Chicago	57	45	.559	7	+3½	5-5	L-1	30-22	27-23
Pittsburgh	53	50	.515	11½	1	6-4	L-1	27-24	26-26
St. Louis	52	50	.510	12	1½	4-6	L-1	26-27	26-23
Cincinnati	47	54	.465	16½	6	5-5	W-2	22-28	25-26

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Los Angeles	65	38	.631	—	—	5-5	W-2	31-19	34-19
Arizona	54	49	.524	11	—	8-2	W-3	31-22	23-27
San Diego	50	53	.485	15	4	4-6	L-2	27-24	23-29
San Francisco	42	60	.412	22½	11½	4-6	L-5	22-25	20-35
Colorado	41	63	.394	24½	13½	3-7	L-1	24-29	17-34

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Thursday

Atlanta 6, San Diego 5
Arizona 10, St. Louis 6

Friday

Yankees at Philadelphia, 6:45
L.A. Dodgers at **Mets**, 7:10
Colorado at Milwaukee, 4:10
Cubs at Pittsburgh, 6:40
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Solution to Difficult #7,139

Blue Jays 3, Rays 1

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Díaz dh	4	0	1	1	0	0	.307
Aranda 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.283
Caminero 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.287
Mesa rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.224
DeLuca cf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.262
Simpson lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.288
Williamson ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.252
Palacios 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.230
Feduccia c	3	1	1	0	0	0	.229
Totals	**30**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**6**	

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Piñango rf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.269
Giménez ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.224
Guerrero 1b	4	0	2	1	0	1	.259
Clement ss-2b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.296
Springer dh	3	0	2	1	1	0	.229
Kirk c	4	0	1	1	0	1	.219
Okamoto 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.224
Schneider lf	2	0	0	0	1	1	.150
Lukes rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.286
Urías 2b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.242
Varsho cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.237
Straw cf-rf-lf	2	1	0	0	1	1	.219
Totals	**29**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**3**	**9**	

Tampa Bay 001 000 000 — 1 3 0
Toronto 101 000 10x — 3 7 0

LOB: Tampa Bay 2, Toronto 5. **2B:** Feduccia (6), DeLuca (15), Piñango (8), Springer (13). **RBIs:** Díaz (61), Kirk (12), Springer (27), Guerrero (42). **SB:** Straw (4). **CS:** Guerrero (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Tampa Bay 1 (Simpson); Toronto 2 (Okamoto, Schneider). **RISP:** Tampa Bay 1 for 2; Toronto 3 for 9.

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Legumina	2.0	2	1	1	2	2	40	3.95
Seymour, L, 6-3	6.0	5	2	2	1	7	87	4.64

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bieber, W, 2-1	7.0	3	1	1	0	3	86	4.70
Rogers, H, 21	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	9	1.54
Varland, S, 21-21	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	15	1.04

T: 2:09. **A:** 43,225 (39,150).

Twins 3, Guardians 1, 12 inn.

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Lee 3b-ss	5	0	0	0	0	1	.251
Buxton cf	4	0	1	0	1	2	.274
Jeffers c	5	1	1	0	0	3	.284
Bell dh	5	0	0	0	0	4	.247
Clemens 2b-1b	5	0	1	0	0	0	.239
Lewis 1b-3b	3	2	0	0	2	0	.213
Martin lf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.239
Larnach ph-lf	3	0	1	1	0	1	.294
Keaschall rf-2b	4	0	1	1	1	0	.261
Kreidler ss	2	0	0	0	0	1	.233
Roden ph-rf	3	0	1	1	0	0	.214
Totals	**41**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**4**	**14**	

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Kwan lf	4	0	2	0	1	1	.248
Ramírez 3b	3	0	0	0	2	0	.239
DeLauter rf	4	0	0	0	1	2	.284
Rocchio ss	5	0	0	0	0	2	.271
Bazzana 2b	4	0	0	0	1	0	.242
Hoskins dh	4	0	0	0	1	2	.177
Manzardo 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.213
Arias pr-1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.240
Bailey c	4	1	1	1	1	1	.202
Halpin cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.207
Schneemann ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.206
Totals	**38**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**7**	**10**	

Minnesota 000 000 010 002 — 3 6 0
Cleveland 000 010 000 000 — 1 3 1

E: Kwan (3). **LOB:** Minnesota 9, Cleveland 11. **HR:** Bailey (5), off Bradley. **RBIs:** Roden (5), Larnach (38), Keaschall (29), Bailey (19). **SB:** Kwan (7), DeLauter (5), Clemens (7), Lewis (7), Lee (7). **Runners left in scoring position:** Minnesota 6 (Jeffers, Keaschall 2, Roden, Buxton 2); Cleveland 7 (Manzardo, Bazzana, Hoskins, Ramírez, Schneemann, Kwan, Rocchio). **RISP:** Minnesota 3 for 17; Cleveland 0 for 17.

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bradley	7.0	2	1	1	3	5	109	3.69
Morris	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	16	3.31
Gómez	1.0	0	0	0	2	2	22	3.47
Nance	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	13	3.86
Rogers, W, 5-3	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	13	5.45
Anderson, S, 1-1	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	18	2.61

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Williams	7.0	2	0	0	0	11	97	3.78
Gaddis, H, 20	0.1	0	1	1	2	1	16	2.70
Smith, BS, 29-33	1.2	2	0	0	0	1	22	2.62
Holderman	2.0	0	0	0	1	0	21	1.82
Sabrowski, L, 3-2	1.0	2	2	1	1	1	17	3.56

T: 3:23. **A:** 27,354 (34,788).

Braves 6, Padres 5

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Tatis rf	4	0	1	1	1	1	.286
Rengifo lf	5	0	2	2	0	3	.227
Machado 3b	4	1	2	0	0	2	.205
France 1b	4	1	1	2	0	2	.275
Bogaerts ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.219
Sheets dh	4	1	1	0	0	1	.217
Fermin c	3	1	1	0	0	2	.162
Song ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.226
Bowen cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.135
Merrill ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.224
Cronenworth 2b	3	1	1	0	0	1	.206
Totals	**36**	**5**	**9**	**5**	**1**	**15**	

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Baldwin c	4	1	1	1	0	0	.275
Albies 2b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.264
Olson 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.267
Harris cf	4	2	2	1	0	1	.299
Dubón lf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.265
Riley 3b	4	0	1	0	0	3	.216
Smith dh	3	1	1	3	0	0	.264
Yastrzemski rf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.227
White rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.220
Jarvis ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	.291
Totals	**32**	**6**	**9**	**6**	**0**	**8**	

San Diego 030 000 020 — 5 9 1
Atlanta 010 400 10x — 6 9 0

E: Fermin (7). **LOB:** San Diego 6, Atlanta 3. **HR:** France (16), off Kinley; Harris (19), off Canning; Albies (16), off Canning; Smith (7), off Canning; Baldwin (19), off Waldron. **RBIs:** Tatis (47), Rengifo 2 (24), France 2 (43), Harris (61), Albies (56), Smith 3 (39), Baldwin (55). **CS:** Albies (4). **Runners left in scoring position:** San Diego 2 (Machado, Rengifo); Atlanta 1 (Yastrzemski). **RISP:** San Diego 1 for 4; Atlanta 1 for 4.

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Hart	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	8	5.50
Canning, L, 1-9	2.2	5	5	4	0	4	59	6.97
Matsui	1.1	1	0	0	0	1	17	2.68
Waldron	2.0	3	1	1	0	0	30	7.34
Rodriguez	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	12	2.05

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Sale, W, 11-6	6.0	5	3	3	1	11	98	2.19
Dodd, H, 6	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	15	2.08
Kinley, H, 11	0.2	2	2	2	0	1	13	4.54
Young, H, 4	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	4	3.00
Iglesias, S, 21-22	1.0	2	0	0	0	2	17	2.50

T: 2:31. **A:** 29,441 (41,149).

Tigers 4, Royals 3

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Jensen c	4	0	1	0	1	1	.240
Thomas cf	4	0	0	0	1	0	.236
Pasquantino 1b	4	0	2	0	1	0	.230
Perez dh	4	0	0	0	1	1	.209
Massey 2b	4	1	2	0	0	2	.274
Tolbert pr-rf	0	1	0	0	0	0	.328
Collins lf	3	1	1	2	1	1	.245
Rojas 3b	4	0	2	1	0	0	.265
Loftin rf-2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.247
Velazquez ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.143
Totals	**35**	**3**	**9**	**3**	**5**	**7**	

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McGonigle ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.281
Torres 2b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.280
Keith 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Lee ph-3b	1	1	1	0	1	0	.260
Greene dh	4	0	1	0	0	0	.285
Dingler c	3	1	2	1	1	0	.274
Carpenter rf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.208
Vierling pr-rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.209
Torkelson 1b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.206
McKinstry lf	3	0	2	0	0	0	.197
Outman cf	3	1	1	3	0	1	.159
Totals	**32**	**4**	**10**	**4**	**2**	**6**	

Kansas City 000 002 010 — 3 9 1
Detroit 000 000 31x — 4 10 0

E: Pasquantino (4). **LOB:** Kansas City 10, Detroit 6. **2B:** Rojas (3), Jensen (23), Dingler (22). **HR:** Collins (6), off Melton; Outman (4), off Schreiber. **RBIs:** Collins 2 (34), Rojas (6), Outman 3 (16), Dingler (66). **SB:** Tolbert (12). **CS:** Outman (3). **Runners left in scoring position:** Kansas City 5 (Jensen 2, Perez, Collins 2); Detroit 3 (Torkelson, Carpenter, Dingler). **RISP:** Kansas City 1 for 10; Detroit 2 for 7.

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Dobnak	5.0	4	0	0	1	3	76	1.42
Strahm, H, 13	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	17	6.88
Schreiber, BS, 1-3	1.0	4	3	3	0	1	20	3.89
Cruz, L, 2-3	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	29	4.75

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Melton	5.0	5	2	2	4	5	90	1.95
Holton	1.2	1	0	0	0	0	26	2.93
Waguespack	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.23
Anderson, W, 4-4	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	18	4.25
Sommers, H, 6	0.1	1	0	0	1	1	11	4.38
Finnegan, S, 2-8	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.36

T: 2:46. **A:** 35,548 (41,083).

Diamondbacks 10, Cardinals 6

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Carroll rf	5	1	1	1	0	2	.251
Perdomo ss	2	0	0	0	3	0	.236
Moreno c	4	1	3	2	0	0	.309
Kepler lf	4	1	0	0	1	0	.218
Del Castillo dh	5	3	3	1	0	1	.208
Tawa 3b-cf	3	1	1	1	1	1	.220
Vargas 2b	5	1	3	0	0	0	.270
Locklear 1b	5	2	3	3	0	1	.385
Waldschmidt cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.254
Arenado ph-3b	2	0	2	2	0	0	.250
Totals	**38**	**10**	**16**	**10**	**5**	**6**	

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wetherholt 2b	5	2	2	0	0	0	.259
Walker rf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.291
Torres ph	1	1	1	2	0	0	.214
Burleson dh	5	1	3	0	0	0	.284
Nootbaar lf	5	0	2	3	0	0	.254
Winn ss	4	0	0	0	1	0	.237
Fermín 3b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.257
Church cf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.229
Jordan 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.242
Crooks c	2	0	1	0	0	0	.178
Velázquez ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.219
Pagés c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.208
Totals	**39**	**6**	**13**	**6**	**2**	**2**	

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St. Louis 200 000 004 — 6 13 0

LOB: Arizona 9, St. Louis 8. **2B:** Locklear (1), Del Castillo (6), Moreno (16), Walker (22), Burleson 2 (25). **3B:** Carroll (12). **HR:** Locklear (1), off McGreevy. **RBIs:** Tawa (19), Locklear 3 (5), Moreno 2 (36), Del Castillo (24), Arenado 2 (48), Carroll (49), Walker (77), Nootbaar 3 (15), Torres 2 (10). **SB:** Del Castillo (1). **SF:** Tawa, Moreno, Carroll. **Runners left in scoring position:** Arizona 4 (Moreno, Carroll, Kepler 2); St. Louis 4 (Jordan 3, Church). **RISP:** Arizona 7 for 18; St. Louis 4 for 11.

Arizona	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Pfaadt, W, 5-1	6.0	7	2	2	2	1	87	4.43
Garcia, H, 12	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	11	1.69
Clarke	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2.35
Thompson	1.0	5	4	4	0	0	29	3.82

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
McGreevy, L, 4-8	6.1	7	4	4	3	3	95	3.07
Bruihl	1.0	2	2	2	0	1	15	3.88
Svanson	0.2	4	3	3	2	0	37	6.86
Graceffo	1.0	3	1	1	0	2	30	3.28

T: 2:54. **A:** 32,381 (44,494).

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	9	3	3	30	24	12
Gotham FC	**9**	**3**	**3**	**30**	**19**	**10**
San Diego	9	5	2	29	23	17
Portland	8	5	3	27	25	18
Utah Royals FC	8	4	3	27	22	16
Kansas City	8	6	1	25	23	22
Angel City	7	6	1	22	22	14
North Carolina	6	5	3	21	20	19
Orlando	6	8	2	20	21	21
Denver Summit FC	5	5	4	19	21	19
Bay FC	5	6	3	18	16	19
Seattle	5	7	2	17	15	19
Houston	4	7	4	16	18	24
Boston Legacy FC	4	8	4	16	17	23
Chicago	4	11	0	12	8	30
Louisville	2	10	2	8	16	27

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Friday
Bay FC at Houston, 8pm
Chicago at Orlando, 8pm
Gotham FC at Portland, 10pm

Saturday
Kansas City at Boston Legacy FC, 5pm
Utah Royals FC at North Carolina, 7:45pm

Sunday
Seattle at San Diego, 5pm
Denver Summit FC at Washington, 7pm
Louisville at Angel City, 9pm

Wednesday, July 29
Louisville at Kansas City, 8pm
Washington at Utah Royals FC, 9pm
Gotham FC at Bay FC, 10pm

Friday, July 31
Orlando at North Carolina, 8pm

Saturday, August 1
Chicago at Louisville, 4pm
Angel City at Kansas City, 6:30pm
Gotham FC at Houston, 8pm
Seattle at Bay FC, 8:45pm

Sunday, August 2
San Diego at Washington, 4pm
Portland at Utah Royals FC, 7pm
Boston Legacy FC at Denver Summit FC, 9pm

MLS

EAST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	12	1	3	39	33	11
Inter Miami CF	10	2	4	34	42	30
Chicago	8	5	2	26	29	19
New England	8	5	2	26	22	18
Cincinnati	6	5	5	23	40	40
NYCFC	6	6	4	22	27	22
Charlotte FC	6	6	4	22	26	25
Red Bulls	6	6	4	22	26	35
D.C. United	4	5	7	19	22	26
Orlando City	5	9	2	17	27	44
Columbus	4	8	4	16	22	25
Toronto FC	3	6	7	16	22	29
CF Montréal	4	9	3	15	22	32
Atlanta	3	10	3	12	16	26
Philadelphia	2	10	4	10	21	31

WEST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	10	3	2	32	37	16
San Jose	10	4	2	32	34	19
Los Angeles FC	9	5	3	30	30	18
Real Salt Lake	8	5	2	26	27	22
FC Dallas	7	4	5	26	32	24
Seattle FC	7	5	3	24	19	19
Houston	7	6	2	23	20	24
St Louis City	6	6	4	22	22	23
Minn. United	6	6	4	22	19	24
LA Galaxy	5	7	5	20	23	28
Colorado	6	9	1	19	26	24
Portland	5	8	3	18	29	31
San Diego FC	4	7	5	17	30	28
Austin FC	4	7	5	17	22	32
Sporting K.C.	4	10	2	14	18	40

Note: 3 pts. for win, 1 for tie

Saturday
Charlotte FC at **Red Bulls**, 6:30pm
Chicago at **NYCFC**, 7:30pm
Cincinnati at Columbus, 7:15pm
Toronto FC at D.C. United, 7:30pm
Miami at CF Montréal, 7:30pm
Atlanta at New England, 7:30pm
Nashville at Orlando City, 7:30pm
Seattle FC at Philadelphia, 7:30pm
Austin FC at Houston, 8:30pm
Vancouver at Minnesota, 8:30pm
Colorado at St Louis City, 8:30pm
FC Dallas at San Diego FC, 9:30pm
Sporting K.C. at Los Angeles FC, 10:30pm
Salt Lake at Portland, 10:30pm
LA Galaxy at San Jose, 10:30pm

Friday, July 31
Toronto FC at **NYCFC**, 7:30pm

Saturday, August 1
Orlando City at **Red Bulls**, 7:30pm
San Jose at Cincinnati, 7:30pm
Nashville at D.C. United, 7:30pm
Columbus at Miami, 7:30pm
New England at CF Montréal, 7:30pm
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7:30pm
Los Angeles FC at Vancouver, 7:30pm
Charlotte FC at Chicago, 8:30pm
Houston at Sporting K.C., 8:30pm
San Diego FC at Minnesota, 8:30pm
Salt Lake at St Louis City, 8:30pm
Austin FC at Colorado, 9:30pm
FC Dallas at LA Galaxy, 10:30pm
Seattle FC at Portland, 10:30pm

Formula One

Formula One Points Leaders Through Sunday
1. Andrea Kimi Antonelli, 204.
2. Lewis Hamilton, 159.
3. George Russell, 154.
4. Charles Leclerc, 126.
5. Lando Norris, 103.
6. Oscar Piastri, 92.
7. Max Verstappen, 91.
8. Isack Hadjar, 60.
9. Pierre Gasly, 42.
10. Liam Lawson, 39.

AL Leaders

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING: Alvarez, Houston, .328; Y.Díaz, Tampa Bay, .307; Clement, Toronto, .296; Jo.Jung, Texas, .294; Contreras, Boston, .293; C.Simpson, Tampa Bay, .288; Caminero, Tampa Bay, .287; Greene, Detroit, .285; DeLauter, Cleveland, .284; Aranda, Tampa Bay, .283.

RUNS: Alvarez, Houston, 69; Neto, Los Angeles, 69; Vargas, Chicago, 68; Rice, New York, 66; Caminero, Tampa Bay, 65; Alonso, Baltimore, 63; Arozarena, Seattle, 63; Kurtz, Athletics, 61; McGonigle, Detroit, 61; Ward, Baltimore, 61.

RBI: Alvarez, Houston, 77; **Rice, Yankees**, 71; Contreras, Boston, 66; Kurtz, Athletics, 66; Alonso, Baltimore, 66; Dingler, Detroit, 65; Aranda, Tampa Bay, 65; Okamoto, Toronto, 62; Bell, Minnesota, 62; Caminero, Tampa Bay, 62.

HITS: Alvarez, Houston, 122; Y.Díaz, Tampa Bay, 117; Clement, Toronto, 114; Caminero, Tampa Bay, 111; Aranda, Tampa Bay, 105; McGonigle, Detroit, 105; Greene, Detroit, 104; Jo.Jung, Texas, 104; Rafaela, Boston, 104; Witt, Kansas City, 103.

DOUBLES: Rafaela, Boston, 25; Vargas, Chicago, 24; Bell, Minnesota, 23; Clement, Toronto, 23; Jo.Jung, Texas, 23; Jensen, Kansas City, 22; Nimmo, Texas, 22; Witt, Kansas City, 22; 7 tied at 21.

TRIPLES: C.Simpson, Tampa Bay, 6; Taveras, Baltimore, 5; Nimmo, Texas, 4; W.Abreu, Boston, 3; **Bellinger, Yankees**, 3; Clemens, Minnesota, 3; J.Duran, Boston, 3; Henderson, Baltimore, 3; B.Lee, Minnesota, 3; McGonigle, Detroit, 3; Peters, Chicago, 3; Rafaela, Boston, 3; **Rice, Yankees**, 3.

HOME RUNS: Alvarez, Houston, 34; **Rice, Yankees** 30; Caminero, Tampa Bay, 29; Buxton, Minnesota, 25; C.Montgomery, Chicago, 24; Langeliers, Athletics, 23; Contreras, Boston, 22; Dingler, Detroit, 22; Okamoto, Toronto, 22; Vargas, Chicago, 21; Alonso, Baltimore, 21.

STOLEN BASES: Witt, Kansas City, 30; **Chisholm, Yankees**, 27; C.Simpson, Tampa Bay, 26; Ramírez, Cleveland, 24; **Caballero, Yankees**, 23; J.Naylor, Seattle, 21; Arozarena, Seattle, 19; Mullins, Tampa Bay, 16; Acuña, Chicago, 15; Bazzana, Cleveland, 15; Rocchio, Cleveland, 15; Walls, Tampa Bay, 15.

PITCHING: S.Gray, Boston, 12-1; G.Williams, Cleveland, 10-5; N.Martinez, Tampa Bay, 9-2; Bradley, Minnesota, 9-4; D.Martin, Chicago, 9-5; **Schlittler, Yankees**, 9-6; Eovaldi, Texas, 9-8; B.Young, Baltimore, 8-2; Messick, Cleveland, 8-5; Cantillo, Cleveland, 8-5; Rasmussen, Tampa Bay, 8-5; Lambert, Houston, 8-5.

ERA: Schlittler,Yankees, 2.195; S.Gray, Boston, 2.479; N.Martinez, Tampa Bay, 2.587; Cease, Toronto, 2.674; Messick, Cleveland, 2.677; Montero, Detroit, 3.142; Hancock, Seattle, 3.161; Burke, Chicago, 3.205; Rasmussen, Tampa Bay, 3.278; D.Martin, Chicago, 3.311.

STRIKEOUTS: G.Williams, Cleveland, 156; Cease, Toronto, 155; **Schlittler, Yankees**, 145; Detmers, Los Angeles, 136; Ryan, Minnesota, 131; Bradley, Minnesota, 129; L.Gilbert, Seattle, 129; deGrom, Texas, 128; Eovaldi, Texas, 122; Gore, Texas, 122; Soriano, Los Angeles, 122.

NL Leaders

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING: O.Lopez, Miami, .332; Arraez, San Francisco, .320; Gonzales, Pittsburgh, .313; McCarthy, Colorado, .305; J.Lee, San Francisco, .302; Harris, Atlanta, .299; Rumfield, Colorado, .297; Johnston, Colorado, .296; Marsh, Philadelphia, .292; J.Walker, St. Louis, .291.

RUNS: Wood, Washington, 94; Reynolds, Pittsburgh, 71; Turner, Philadelphia, 69; Olson, Atlanta, 68; Turang, Milwaukee, 68; Crow-Armstrong, Chicago, 66; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 66; Albies, Atlanta, 65; J.Walker, St. Louis, 65; Goodman, Colorado, 64; Wetherholt, St. Louis, 64.

RBI: J.Walker, St. Louis, 77; Abrams, Washington, 76; S.Stewart, Cincinnati, 74; L.García, Washington, 70; Burleson, St. Louis, 69; Wood, Washington, 69; Pages, Los Angeles, 68; B.Lowe, Pittsburgh, 65; O'Hearn, Pittsburgh, 64; Harris, Atlanta, 61; Schwarber, Philadelphia, 61; Turang, Milwaukee, 61.

HITS: O.Lopez, Miami, 131; Arraez, San Francisco, 122; Gonzales, Pittsburgh, 114; Tatis, San Diego, 114; J.Walker, St. Louis, 112; Burleson, St. Louis, 110; X.Edwards, Miami, 109; F.Freeman, Los Angeles, 109; Harris, Atlanta, 109; Crow-Armstrong, Chicago, 107; J.Lee, San Francisco, 107; Wood, Washington, 107.

DOUBLES: O.Lopez, Miami, 27; Devers, San Francisco, 26; Burleson, St. Louis, 25; F.Freeman, Los Angeles, 25; Olson, Atlanta, 25; Wood, Washington, 25; Johnston, Colorado, 24; Reynolds, Pittsburgh, 24; Turang, Milwaukee, 24; Hoerner, Chicago, 23; S.Stewart, Cincinnati, 23.

TRIPLES: Carroll, Arizona, 12; Arraez, San Francisco, 7; X.Edwards, Miami, 6; O.Lopez, Miami, 6; McCarthy, Colorado, 6; Crow-Armstrong, Chicago, 5; Stott, Philadelphia, 5; E.De La Cruz, Cincinnati, 4; L.García, Washington, 4; J.Lee, San Francisco, 4; Lile, Washington, 4.

HOME RUNS: Schwarber, Philadelphia, 33; Goodman, Colorado, 31; Wood, Washington, 28; Olson, Atlanta, 26; Abrams, Washington, 24; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 22; Machado, San Diego, 22; J.Walker, St. Louis, 22; 6 tied at 21.

STOLEN BASES: Nuñez, Washington, 37; Crow-Armstrong, Chicago, 25; Tatis, San Diego, 25; E.Ruiz, Miami, 22; Cruz, Pittsburgh, 21; K.Griffin, Pittsburgh, 20; Merrill, San Diego, 20; Mangum, Pittsburgh, 19; Marsee, Miami, 19; D.Hamilton, Milwaukee, 18; O.Lopez, Miami, 18.

PITCHING: Burns, Cincinnati, 12-1; Ashby, Milwaukee, 12-2; C.Sánchez, Philadelphia, 12-4; F.Griffin, Washington, 11-2; Wrobleski, Los Angeles, 11-2; Sale, Atlanta, 11-6; Wheeler, Philadelphia, 10-2; Misiorowski, Milwaukee, 10-4; S.Alcantara, Miami, 10-6; Yamamoto, Los Angeles, 10-6; Pallante, St. Louis, 10-6.

ERA: Misiorowski, Milwaukee, 1.565; Sale, Atlanta, 2.189; Burns, Cincinnati, 2.424; Wrobleski, Los Angeles, 2.616; E.Rodriguez, Arizona, 2.623; Meyer, Miami, 2.676; F.Griffin, Washington, 2.685; C.Sánchez, Philadelphia, 2.714; Yamamoto, Los Angeles, 2.783; McGreevy, St. Louis, 3.070.

STRIKEOUTS: Misiorowski, Milwaukee, 173; C.Sánchez, Philadelphia, 151; Luzardo, Philadelphia, 143; Skenes, Pittsburgh, 138; **McLean, Mets**, 135; Sale, Atlanta, 134; B.Ashcraft, Pittsburgh, 130; Cavalli, Washington, 127; Burns, Cincinnati, 124; Meyer, Miami, 121.

This Date in Baseball

1947 — Jackie Robinson stole home for the first time in his major league career in the Brooklyn Dodgers' 4-2 win over Pittsburgh.

1948 — Chicago White Sox outfielder Pat Seerey become the first major leaguer to strike out seven times in a doubleheader.

1968 — Hoyt Wilhelm of the Chicago White Sox passed Cy Young's major league record when he made his 907th appearance. He retired with 1,070 appearances.

1973 — Bobby Bonds homered and doubled to lead the NL to a 7-1 rout of the AL in the All-Star game at Kansas City.

1983 — The "Pine Tar" home run was hit by the Kansas City Royals' George Brett off New York pitcher Rich Gossage at Yankee Stadium. Brett's shot came with two outs in the top of the ninth to give the Royals a 5-4 lead. Brett's homer was ruled an out because the amount of pine tar exceeded what was allowed. After a protest by the Royals, the final out and the Yankees' half of the ninth was completed on Aug. 18.

2016 — Ken Griffey, Jr. and Mike Piazza are inducted into the Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Cooperstown, NY. Griffey obtained the highest percentage of the vote ever - 99.3% - in being elected in his first year of eligibility by the BBWAA, while Piazza made it on his fourth try.

Golf

LIV Golf United Kingdom

At JCB Golf and Country Club; Rocester, England; Purse: $20M; Yardage: 7,332; Par: 72

First Round

Lucas Herbert	61	-11
Bryson DeChambeau	64	-8
Harold Varner III	66	-6
Tyrrell Hatton	66	-6
Richard T. Lee	67	-5
Byeong-Hun An	67	-5
Bjoern Hellgren	68	-4
Caleb Surratt	68	-4
Ian Poulter	68	-4
Charles Howell III	68	-4
Luis Masaveu	68	-4
Scott Vincent	68	-4
Marc Leishman	68	-4
Anirban Lahiri	68	-4
Abraham Ancer	68	-4
Peter Uihlein	69	-3
Thomas Detry	69	-3
Cameron Smith	69	-3
Adrian Meronk	70	-2
Dean Burmester	70	-2
Carlos Ortiz	70	-2
Richard Bland	71	-1
Travis Smyth	71	-1
Lee Westwood	71	-1
Young-Han Song	71	-1
Thomas Pieters	71	-1
Jason Kokrak	71	-1
Talor Gooch	71	-1
Branden Grace	71	-1
Bubba Watson	71	-1
Martin Vorster	72	E
Jose Luis Ballester	72	E
Graeme McDowell	72	E
Matthew Wolff	72	E
Michael La Sasso	72	E
Martin Kaymer	72	E
Sergio Garcia	72	E
Min-Kyu Kim	73	+1
Sam Horsfield	73	+1
Miguel Tabuena	73	+1
Do-Yeob Mun	73	+1
Laurie Canter	73	+1
Brendan Steele	73	+1
Charl Schwartzel	73	+1
Joaquin Niemann	73	+1
Anthony Kim	73	+1
Tom McKibbin	73	+1
Dustin Johnson	73	+1
David Puig	73	+1
Jon Rahm	73	+1
Paul Casey	73	+1
Cameron Tringale	74	+2
Danny Lee	74	+2
Victor Perez	74	+2
Yosuke Asaji	75	+3
Ben Campbell	75	+3
Sebastian Munoz	78	+6

PGA Tour- 3M Open

At TPC Twin Cities; Blaine, Minn.; Purse: $8.8 million; Yardage: 7,431; Par: 71

First Round

Ben Kohles	32-30	62	-9
Emiliano Grillo	30-34	64	-7
Jackson Koivun	31-33	64	-7
Gary Woodland	33-31	64	-7
Michael Brennan	33-32	65	-6
Lucas Glover	32-33	65	-6
Kevin Roy	31-34	65	-6
Scottie Scheffler	31-34	65	-6
Jesper Svensson	32-33	65	-6
Denny McCarthy	31-35	66	-5
Troy Merritt	34-32	66	-5
Rasmus Neergaard-Petersen	31-35	66	-5
Chandler Phillips	31-35	66	-5
Chandler Blanchet	35-32	67	-4
Trace Crowe	30-37	67	-4
Zecheng Dou	34-33	67	-4
Rico Hoey	32-35	67	-4
Billy Horschel	32-35	67	-4
Jeffrey Kang	33-34	67	-4
Keita Nakajima	32-35	67	-4
Marcelo Rozo	33-34	67	-4
Matti Schmid	33-34	67	-4
Kevin Streelman	33-34	67	-4
John VanDerLaan	36-31	67	-4
Vince Whaley	36-31	67	-4
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	33-35	68	-3
Zac Blair	36-32	68	-3
Will Gordon	31-37	68	-3
Lee Hodges	35-33	68	-3
Tom Hoge	33-35	68	-3
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Davis Thompson	34-34	68	-3
Brian Campbell	34-35	69	-2
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Thorbjørn Olesen	33-36	69	-2
John Parry	33-36	69	-2
Andrew Putnam	35-34	69	-2
Ben Silverman	35-34	69	-2
Jimmy Stanger	35-34	69	-2
Preston Stout	35-34	69	-2
Karl Vilips	34-35	69	-2
Camilo Villegas	32-37	69	-2
Kevin Yu	34-35	69	-2

Champions Tour- ISPS HANDA Senior Open

At Kings Course; Auchterarder, United Kingdom; Purse: $2.9 million; Yardage: 6,859; Par: 70

First Round

Cameron Percy	31-32	63	-7
Lionel Alexandre	32-32	64	-6
Ernie Els	31-34	65	-5
Miguel Angel Jimenez	33-32	65	-5
Pat Perez	32-33	65	-5
Tom Pernice	35-30	65	-5
Emanuele Canonica	34-32	66	-4
Johan Edfors	33-33	66	-4
Jerry Kelly	34-32	66	-4
Tag Ridings	33-33	66	-4
Michael Wright	33-33	66	-4

LPGA Tour- ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open

At Dundonald Links; Troon, United Kingdom; Purse: $2 million; Yardage: 6,543; Par: 72

First Round

Lauren Coughlin	34-32	66	-6
Jenny Shin	34-32	66	-6
A Lim Kim	35-32	67	-5
Lisa Pettersson	37-32	69	-3
Erika Hara	36-34	70	-2
Esther Henseleit	34-36	70	-2
Anna Nordqvist	37-33	70	-2
Miyu Yamashita	36-34	70	-2
Pajaree Anannarukarn	35-36	71	-1
Daniela Darquea	36-35	71	-1
Julia Lopez Ramirez	37-34	71	-1
Patty Tavatanakit	37-34	71	-1
Chanettee Wannasaen	37-34	71	-1

Tennis

ATP World Tour Generali Open

At Tennis Stadium Kitzbuhel; Kitzbuhel, Austria; Purse: Euro612,620; Surface: Red clay; l (seedings in parentheses):

Men's Singles - Quarterfinals

Quentin Halys, France, def. Mariano Navone, Argentina, 7-5, 6-3.

Yannick Hanfmann, Germany, def. Sebastian Baez, Argentina, 6-3, 6-1.

Tomas Martin Etcheverry (4), Argentina, def. Ignacio Buse (5), Peru, 6-2, 7-5.

Alexander Bublik (1), Kazakhstan, def. Alex Molcan, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-2.

ATP World Tour Millennium Estoril Open

At Clube de Tenis do Estoril ; Estoril, Portugal; Purse: Euro612,620; Surface: Red clay; (seedings in parentheses):

Men's Singles - Round of 16

Luca Van Assche, France, def. Pablo Carreno Busta (8), Spain, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

Jaime Faria, Portugal, def. Gonzalo Bueno, Peru, 6-2, 6-4.

Andrey Rublev (1), Russia, def. Timofey Skatov, Kazakhstan, 6-1, 6-1.

Luciano Darderi (2), Italy, def. Pedro Martinez, Spain, 6-0, 6-1.

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Canadian Football League

East Division

	W	L	T	Pts	PF	PA
Montreal	5	1	0	10	208	186
Hamilton	3	3	0	6	149	159
Toronto	2	4	0	4	194	207
Ottawa	0	6	0	0	153	213

West Division

	W	L	T	Pts	PF	PA
Edmonton	6	1	0	12	203	172
Saskatchewan	4	2	0	8	204	169
Winnipeg	4	2	0	8	155	156
Calgary	2	4	0	4	226	214
BC	1	4	0	2	140	156

Week 8

Thursday

Edmonton 36, Saskatchewan 34

Friday

Calgary at Winnipeg, 8:30pm

Saturday

Toronto at BC, 7pm

Sunday,

Hamilton at Montreal, 7pm

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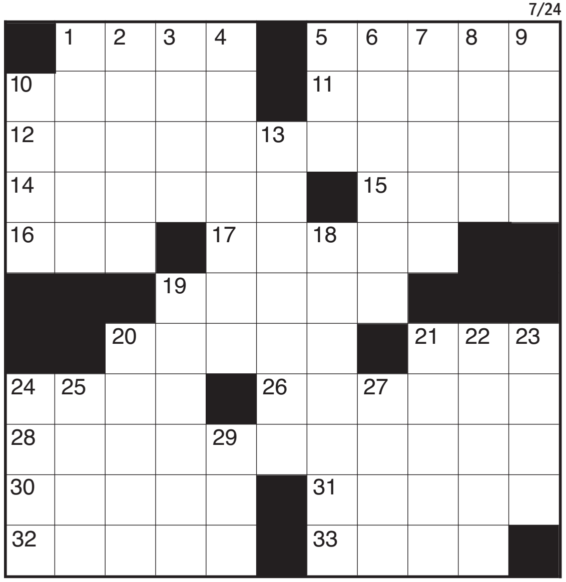

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East	W	L	Pct.	GB
Indiana	17	10	.630	—
Atlanta	16	10	.615	½
Liberty	15	12	.556	2
Washington	14	12	.538	2½
Toronto	10	16	.385	6½
Chicago	9	18	.333	8
Connecticut	7	20	.259	10

West	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	22	6	.786	—
Golden State	19	8	.704	2½
Las Vegas	18	8	.692	3
Dallas	18	9	.667	3½
Portland	11	16	.407	10½
Los Angeles	10	16	.385	11
Phoenix	10	18	.357	12
Seattle	6	23	.207	16½

Friday

No games scheduled.

Saturday

2026 All-Star Game

Team Coop vs Team Spoon, 8:30pm, Chicago

Sunday

No games scheduled.

Monday

No games scheduled.

Tuesday

Liberty at Los Angeles, 10pm
Connecticut at Washington, 7:30pm
Toronto at Minnesota, 8pm
Indiana at Seattle, 9:30pm
Portland at Las Vegas, 10pm

Tour de France

Stage 18

A 115-mile ride from Voiron to Orcières-Merlette

Stage Results:

1. Richard Carapaz, Ecuador, EF Education-EasyPost, 04:26:21.
2. Mauro Schmid, Switzerland, Team Jayco AlUla, 04:27:06.
3. Matteo Jorgenson, United States, Team Visma ' Lease a Bike, 04:27:06.
4. Valentin Paret-Peintre, France, Soudal Quick-Step, 04:27:35.
5. Tobias Johannessen, Norway, Uno-X Mobility, 04:28:18.
6. Raúl García Pierna, Spain, Movistar Team, 04:28:33.
7. Pablo Castrillo, Spain, Movistar Team, 04:30:51.
8. Lenny Martinez, France, Bahrain Victorious, 04:30:56.
9. Remco Evenepoel, Belgium, Red Bull - Bora - Hansgrohe, same time.
10. Tom Pidcock, United Kingdom, Pinarello Q36.5 Pro Cycling Team, same time.

Also:

3. Matteo Jorgenson, United States, Team Visma ' Lease a Bike, 04:27:06.
18. Matthew Riccitello, United States, Decathlon CMA CGM Team, 04:30:56.
25. Quinn Simmons, United States, Lidl-Trek, 04:32:12.
44. Sepp Kuss, United States, Team Visma ' Lease a Bike, 04:40:04.
62. Sean Quinn, United States, EF Education-EasyPost, 04:43:32.

Overall Standings:

1. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia, UAE Team Emirates XRG, 64:35:13.
2. Remco Evenepoel, Belgium, Red Bull - Bora - Hansgrohe, 64:39:45.
3. Isaac Del Toro Romero, Mexico, UAE Team Emirates XRG, 64:42:04.
4. Paul Seixas, France, Decathlon CMA CGM Team, 64:42:24.
5. Juan Ayuso, Spain, Lidl-Trek, 64:44:35.

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Marine vet from Elmont working toward title shot in boxing ring

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LATORRE DE FORCE: Peter Latorre, a 28-year-old ex-Marine from Elmont, is off to a 6-0 start in his pro boxing career. Coming from a long line of soldiers, Latorre is also working on his master's degree at Hofstra to become a counselor for veterans battling PTSD and other mental health issues.

Heather Khalifa; courtesy of Peter Latorre

By ALEX MITCHELL

Peter Latorre is beating all enemies, foreign and domestic.

The 28-year-old Marine veteran from Elmont is a weapon of mass destruction in the boxing ring — and he's off to a hot start at 6-0 with victories at major venues like New Jersey's Prudential Center and Madison Square Garden's theater.

"All of which came by knockout," Latorre, a 5-foot-10, 147-pound welterweight told The Post.

"Combat sports emulate the feeling of the military, of being in a heightened state, of being scared, and having to make critical thinking actions while you're scared."

The Long Island contender — he's ranked top 30 in the United States and top 100 worldwide — has earned the admiration of women's featherweight world champion Amanda Serrano while on a mission beyond just bolstering the win column.

Taking the objective

Latorre comes from a long lineage of soldiers and is earning his master's degree in rehabilitation counseling and licensed mental health counseling at Hofstra.

He plans on working with struggling veterans as a day job while pursuing a fight title.

"I've seen PTSD, substance abuse. My father is a recovering addict. I saw what war does to family," he said. "So to be able to sit across from another veteran that went through something similar, I think I'd be able to assist them."

Latorre endured his own share of hardships while in the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, stationed around the Gulf of Aden and other waterways near Somalia and Yemen, where he boarded vessels.

"Some casualties — there was a helicopter crash," he recalled.

Latorre is called "Voodoo" — and fittingly enters the ring to Jimi Hendrix's "Voodoo Child" — from a nickname given to his grandfather, Luis, by comrades and Army infantrymen in Vietnam.

The tough-knuckled Luis received a Bronze Star, Purple Heart — and the inescapable, funky nickname — after surviving a Viet Cong ambush that wiped out 85 percent of his platoon.

He died in 2009 from Agent Orange exposure during the war.

"People ask me, 'How do you punch so hard?' I just say it's a gift from God — and that's what my grandpa had too," Latorre said. "I think it's just in the blood."

Presenting arms

A boxing coach saw the raw skill Latorre had about nine years ago while he was home after his first deployment, sparring with a cousin.

It planted the seed in Latorre's mind that getting in the ring was a must after being discharged.

"The last two years of my military service, all I did was think about boxing," he said.

He started with 26 amateur bouts from 2020 to 2024 before going pro, which all came at a cost.

"I had to get shoulder surgery, hand surgery, breast surgery — but yeah, I got a lot of good experience," Latorre said.

Now the combatant is vying for a truncated 4-6 fights before the end of 2026.

"That'll really set me up for 2027, where I can make a move," he said of getting closer to a title bout.

Latorre keeps planning to train hard and assist fellow vets in the process — specifically by helping them obtain disability compensation to aid their recoveries.

"I myself go to therapy because it would be hypocritical for me to be a therapist and not go to therapy — but helping veterans is therapeutic on its own," he said.

"That right there is the biggest win," added Latorre, who wants to use his growing platform to help similar causes.

In the ring, Latorre plans on fighting again as early as next month. The real dream is to make his hometown proud and become the first champion fighter from Elmont.

He said the perfect place for a big match would be at UBS Arena someday, for locals to root on one of their own.

"I would literally bawl my eyes out," said Latorre. "That's the one for me — I can't even put into words how much it would mean to me."

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Yormack named NY's best

It was refreshing that JFK High School star pitcher **Derek Yormack** was named Gatorade's New York baseball player of the year.

"The past year has been amazing," he told The Post.

The soon-to-be senior was an integral part of the Cougars' run to claim the Long Island title in the spring. He boasted an ERA of 0.42 and a .439 batting average — all while keeping straight A's in school.

"Some teammates come up and ask how to throw a certain pitch or what my approach is in the box," Yormack said of the synergy he shares with the roster.

"It just drives me. It drives the team. It's amazing."

And the 17-year-old is thirsty for more his senior year.

"It's not finished yet," he said. "We were state semifinalists, so there's still more to build on. Every day is just about getting better."

Yormack plans on suiting up for the Vanderbilt Commodores after graduating — if the MLB draft doesn't come calling first.

"It would be a dream come true," the lifelong Mets fan added.

Duck dreams

Hempstead's **Julian Minaya** is learning to fly with the Long Island Ducks.

The 24-year-old right-hander is pursuing a dream of landing in a Major League Baseball farm system and feels he's in the perfect place to make that happen.

"It's a hitters league. There's just a lot of great talent here," Minaya told The Post.

"I'm really learning how to pitch better."

The Dominican Republic-born ace raised in Nassau County added that former teammate Trevor Bauer, who played on Long Island from April until June, was integral in advising on how to have batters feel the breeze.

"We talked a lot about how to read the hitters and how to sequence ... that's helped me a lot," Minaya, who is 4-2 with 58 strikeouts in 47 $^{2}/_{3}$ innings, said.

"Just learning how to pitch, learning how to use your strength to your advantage, and how to read the hitters better," he added.

— Alex Mitchell

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The MPJ question

Nets offseason hinges on what they decide to do with biggest star

By BRIAN LEWIS

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NET GAIN ... OR LOSS? Nets general manager Sean Marks is in no hurry to lock up star Michael Porter Jr. for the long term or use him as a trade chip. Porter's agent, Mark Bartelstein, said the Nets "have to chart out their course" for proceeding. Corey Sipkin

Michael Porter Jr. believes in Brooklyn's future.

The question is whether he'll be a part of it.

Will the Nets extend him? Or trade him? Or both?

"I'm sure we'll have those discussions. We've got time. There's no immediate hurry right now with Mike. We value him a lot. He had a terrific year last year, arguably his best year as a pro," Nets GM Sean Marks said. "It's been great to see what Mike's done for us, so I look forward to having those discussions."

Those talks with Porter and his agent Mark Bartelstein — which will presumably happen in the next few weeks — are the biggest pivot point for the rest of the Nets offseason.

Porter was their leading scorer and best player a year ago. But will he be their biggest trade chip, or a part of their long-term plan? And if it's the latter, how much is it going to cost to make him so?

"Sean and I have talked. Michael loves it in Brooklyn. Jordi [Fernández, coach] has been great for him. I think Jordi has been so innovative in how he's used Michael. I think it's a great fit," Bartelstein said on SiriusXM NBA Radio.

"But that's something that Sean and I have to sit down and talk about. The Nets have to ultimately chart out their course for the way they want to go forward. Obviously, we got to do the same thing for Michael. If we can make it work where there's a long-term fit, that would be awesome. But that's something we're going to be talking about here in the days ahead."

Porter was one of just six players to average over 24 points and seven rebounds last season. He and Luka Doncic were the only ones to also add three 3s per game.

"[He] should have been an All-Star," Danny Wolf said.

But despite Porter's best efforts, Brooklyn went just 20-62 last season.

Now, after two years of tanking, they'll aim to be, if not contenders, at least competent.

The drafting of Mikel Brown Jr., development of their sophomores and deal for Julius Randle should all help toward that end. But Porter is not only in the middle of it, but confident of it.

"We had five rookies, the youngest team in the NBA. It was a completely different role that I had. But it was something that I cherished," Porter told ESPN at last week's FanFest in the city. "I think we're building something special over there."

Will Porter be around for it?

On a $40 million expiring deal, Porter is eligible for a four-year, $234 million extension. He clearly won't get that much, so compromise will be needed. Or a trade.

Though Yahoo reported that Warriors coach Steve Kerr didn't want Porter in February and likely won't now, the Nets could move him to a contender.

The Nets have nearly $12 million in cap space and can sign Moe Wagner from that, or use it first and add him with the Room mid-level exception. Picking the MLE would let them use the cap space on another free agent, or even on Porter. Brooklyn could give him a raise this season — up to $49 million — and ink him to an extension that starts at a lower figure, say $30 million or $35 million.

A deal like that would make him even more valuable at the trade deadline.

"That would certainly be something we're going to have that optionality," Marks said. "Any time you're in a hurry, that's when people make mistakes.

"I don't think we want to do anything hastily or in a rush. ... We're just going to have those discussions between the two of us and our representatives and go from there."

Though Marks is right on not being in a rush — they can extend Porter any time before July 2027 — there is a soft deadline to watch.

The trade deadline is Feb. 11. If Porter gets an extension and raise of more than 5 percent, it would have to be done at least six months prior. That means the Nets are incentivized to work out a deal by Aug. 11, a pivot point to pay attention to.

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Grind of long season hits rookies at same time

By DAN MARTIN

Although A.J. Ewing and Carson Benge are still having standout seasons, the rookie outfielders are dealing with the major league grind.

Ewing enters Friday with 14 strikeouts in his past seven games — the most he's had in a seven-game stretch all year.

Benge has whiffed 11 times in that same span, also his most strikeouts in a seven-game stretch as a rookie.

"I'm not surprised," said one National League scout who has seen them after the All-Star break. "It's the second half of the season and they've never had a year like this. Pitchers and teams are figuring them out, but I think it's more the wear and tear of a long season."

Ewing has the highest strikeout rate of any Met in the everyday lineup (27.1 percent).

Ewing, who turns 22 next month, struck out over 100 times in each of his two full seasons in the minors before reaching Queens in May.

"No one expected him to get here this quickly," the scout said. "I would expect those numbers to go down as he gets more comfortable at this level, so I'm not worried about it."

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The concern the scout did mention isn't so much about the pair of first-year outfielders, but just how ugly it will get at Citi Field around them down the stretch.

"That will be a tough environment for anyone, especially if things get worse," the scout said regarding the Aug. 3 trade deadline. "They've passed the tests so far, though."

➤ **Juan Soto** is expected to be back in the lineup Friday after receiving a full day off Wednesday in Milwaukee to rest his calf, which initially caused him to leave the team's first game after the All-Star break on July 16 in Philadelphia.

Since returning from that soreness — in his left calf, not the right one he strained in April — Soto is 2-for-16 with no extra-base hits, three walks and five strikeouts.

For most of the season, Soto has been the lone consistent threat in the Mets lineup and remains fourth in the majors with an OPS of .944.

➤ The trade deadline countdown is set to go into full effect this week, with the Mets among the teams in sell mode.

Though the Mets were off Thursday, there was still important action, with **Clay Holmes** making his first rehab outing with Triple-A Syracuse. He pitched 2 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings, giving up two earned runs on three hits while striking out two and walking two on 51 pitches.

The right-hander was off to an excellent start to the season, pitching to a 1.86 ERA in his first eight outings, before suffering a fractured right fibula that sidelined him for two months.

"If he looks anything like how he looked before he got hurt by the time the deadline comes, they'll get a ton of interest," an American League scout said of the Mets.

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KEEP GOING: Breanna Stewart has carried the Liberty this season, and she won't get a rest during the All-Star break. After two straight wins, Stewart said her team is "leveling out a little bit" following an up-and-down start to the year.

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All-Star break might come at perfect time for uneven Liberty

LET'S TAKE FIVE

By MADELINE KENNEY

Breanna Stewart lifted her right arm, and waved it up and down like an airplane experiencing turbulence to describe the Liberty's first 27 games.

"There was moments where it's like shock," Stewart said Wednesday night. "You're like, 'Well, what the f--k are we doing here? Why is this happening?' "

But after winning two consecutive games — both by the power of Sabrina Ionescu's hot hand, stifling defense down the stretch and a team resilience that had typically faded in other close battles — Stewart said the Liberty (15-12) have reached smooth air.

"Now we're kind of like leveling out a little bit," said Stewart, who flattened her arm parallel to the floor. "And we're like, if this is gonna be us, and this is what we're gonna do, and not too high or too low… and we're not looking too far ahead, we're just looking at the next game."

Stewart and Jonquel Jones will be heading to Chicago to represent the Liberty during All-Star weekend. Ionescu will be notably absent after she said she didn't receive an official invite to defend her 3-point contest title and didn't get an All-Star nod for the first time since 2021 because injuries kept her out for most of the first five weeks of the season.

Whether the WNBA All-Star break is coming at the right time for the Liberty depends on whom you ask.

On one hand, the Liberty have finally garnered some momentum. They won back-to-back games for the first time in more than a month, showing immense restraint and a high level of execution down the stretch in each victory.

Ionescu has finally found her footing, scoring 115 points over the past five games. This stretch includes two epic late-game takeaways.

Jones has notched a double-double in six of the past seven games.

Stewart, as tired as she may be from carrying this injury-riddled team for most of this season, has been on an incredible tear — averaging 26.1 points, 8.7 rebounds and 3.4 assists this month. She's also shooting 35.3 percent from deep over the past five games for the first time in what feels like a long time.

Then again, maybe the Liberty really need this break in the schedule.

Pauline Astier seems to have hit the proverbial rookie wall.

Stewart could also use a break (though how much downtime she'll get after earning her eighth All-Star selection isn't quite known).

The Liberty remain without Satou Sabally (concussion) and Leonie Fiebich (left foot), and no one knows when they'll be back.

Entering this week, the Liberty looked dead in the water, losing 8 of 10 games, the worst such stretch since 2022.

The Liberty's season could be marked by incredible highs and remarkable lows. They rattled off a season-long eight-game winning streak in early June and won the Commissioner's Cup.

Then they started losing and looked all out of sorts without two key wings.

Winning in Dallas then again Wednesday against the pesky Chicago Sky provided a sense of relief for New York, which enters the break seventh in the standings.

"It's not over," Stewart said. "The hardships and the struggles that we'll go through this season aren't over."

At least they get a little respite from the troubles that may await them the rest of the season.

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Giants' Nabers dodges PUP

By RYAN DUNLEAVY

The Giants placed three players on the physically unable to perform list, but none is the biggest playmaker on the offense.

While receiver Malik Nabers is not expected to be put on PUP, The Post confirmed, tight end Thomas Fidone II, and defensive tackles Roy Robertson-Harris and Sam Roberts will be out to start training camp next Tuesday in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.

MALIK NABERS

Fidone was sidelined at the end of his rookie season due to a foot injury. He needed a "cleanup" procedure in June, per head coach John Harbaugh, that kept him out of most of the spring.

Robertson-Harris, a projected starter, suffered a torn Achilles during OTAs on May 21, but the Giants are hoping that he can defy the odds and return before the end of the regular season, so he is on PUP rather than injured reserve, which would end his season.

Roberts, who signed a minimum free-agent contract, was limited to five games with the Falcons last season by a knee injury, and he did not participate in the spring due to offseason surgery.

Rookies reported to East Rutherford for physicals Thursday and will be joined next week by the veterans before a team flight to remote training camp.

Nabers is still recovering from two surgeries to repair the torn ACL and torn meniscus in his right knee from last Sept. 28. He is expected to be eased into camp. Once he practices, he is no longer eligible for PUP if he suffers a setback.

If any player is on PUP on Aug. 28 when roster cuts happen, then the player is required to miss the first four games of the regular season.

No kidding! Gotham tries to keep rolling with coach out

OH, BABY! Rose Lavelle and Gotham FC have won four of their past five games, moving up to second place as coach Juan Carlos Amorós goes on paternity leave. Shaun Harris is the interim coach. Imagn Images

By JONATHAN LEHMAN

Juan Carlos Amorós coached Gotham FC to a pair of hard-to-top wins before departing on a seven-week parental leave.

Can the team keep it going in the Shaun Harris era?

Gotham beat the rival Washington Spirit amid the fanfare of a sold-out special showing at Citi Field last Wednesday and followed with a sensational late rally from 2-0 down against the Seattle Reign on Saturday at rainy Randall's Island.

Star midfielder Rose Lavelle scored the game-winner in both matches off her signature left foot.

Gotham's scorching form — four wins in its past five overall — has moved the defending champion to second place in the NWSL standings, level on points with first-place Washington but trailing due to an inferior goal differential (plus-9 to plus-12).

Harris, an Englishman who is typically the lead assistant coach, was installed as the acting head coach in Amorós' absence.

He remembers meeting Amorós in the early 2010s, when they worked at Tottenham, giving the Spanish newcomer rides to practice, before later joining Amorós with the Spurs women's team and with Gotham. Harris replaced Amorós for a few matches earlier this season immediately following the birth of Amorós' child, and called it a "natural transition" to step up now.

"We just spoke about the period as a chance for the group to show that we can hold this s--t down without him," Harris said Thursday.

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"And you know, he's a really important part of the team, but at the same time, he's created an environment where everyone can keep the same processes and keep moving forward. We're really happy that he's able to do this. For myself, stepping in, and the staff here, we're really supportive of everything that he's doing. We're just here to keep the job going well."

That job begins Friday night against the fourth-place Portland Thorns (10 p.m., Amazon Prime Video), who are led by forward Sophia Wilson. The three-game road trip also takes Gotham to face bottom-table outfits Bay FC and the Houston Dash in a nine-day span.

"We can hold it. We can hold it really well," outside back Bruninha said, referring to the coaching transition. "Nothing changed, and our energy, our style, it's the same."

The congested schedule will test Gotham's depth, bolstered by a pair of marquee arrivals in striker Sam Kerr and midfielder Denise O'Sullivan — don't be surprised to see them earn their first starts of the season on the trip — while undermined by the recent absence of star rookie forward Jordynn Dudley.

"We've been slowly building and preparing for these kind of moments," Harris said. "Obviously with Juan's departure, that kind of unstabilizes things a little bit, but at the same time, we have our processes and everyone knows what needs to be done."

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Making sense of why networks try to one-up each other in destroying sports telecasts

SO HELP me, I don't know why. If I did, you'd be the *second* to know, as I'd immediately share it with you.

Why television execs, regional and national, have chosen to destroy sports telecasts with unneeded and unwanted excess is an ongoing study in self-nullification.

What NBC did — what it *chose* to do — to Sunday night's national telecast of Dodgers-Yankees is what you Americans call a train wreck.

In alleged play-by-play man Jason Benetti, apparently under orders to be a comedic talk show host despite being more annoying than clever, NBC ignored the close game between contenders to try to make us laugh and show old clips of the three former big leaguers.

In all, four analysts were used where one, at most, was needed, depending on whom.

Orel Hershiser and Roger "Lidocaine" Clemens sat in the booth while CC Sabathia, always a risk to exhibit his sizable vulgar side, sat in a specially crafted field-side corral, from where he joined in the obnoxious, off-putting phony laughter.

While at least 20 times group laughter was heard, nothing was even mildly amusing.

To this foursome, Bob Costas, having attained emeritus status, was briefly added to make five voices.

Earlier in the day, Fox's World Cup final telecast tried to exceed the match by leaving us with headaches best treated by mute buttons. American analyst Stu Holden, as he had throughout his Cup assignments, tried to bludgeon us into submission with say-anything blather that he too often shouted.

It was like a holler-at-everything Kevin Harlan telecast, an "Adventure in Why?"

Local baseball telecasts offered no relief. Obsequious Ryan Ruocco, again plugged into Yankees YES telecasts, this time came loaded to emulate Michael Kay as he recited every useless stat he could read.

And when Ruocco took a breath, David "Spin Rate" Cone was there to pick up the slack. And it's not like Yankees radio broadcasts could provide relief instead of grief.

Mets-Brewers on SNY was another challenge to the central nervous system, as Gary "Sweeper" Cohen — once a strong, modest presence — continued his need to be heard as the Alpha Male. He continued to identify every pitch, even if he was wrong or it defied what we saw.

And there's no so-what? stat Cohen won't chirp, including what batters accomplished in their "last three games" or "last six games," often a prelude to said batter striking out. Monday, regardless of Cohen's alerts to brief batting success, the Mets struck out 15 times.

And Cohen remains unable to pass on getting in the last word. Tuesday, Keith Hernandez spoke some peculiar expressions and made some amusing comments. But each time, Cohen played "Top This," adding a topper that was neither funny nor needed, thus leaving Hernandez's attempts to kill boredom — his and ours — flattened. That both then faked laughter at nothing was again the thin, salted Soup of the Day.

But, again, if I learn why this has become an inescapable executive-order epidemic, I'll let you know.

Of course, people ruining ESPN are retained

I'D NEVER relish anyone above a slug losing their job. A pile of ESPN/Disney employees were let go — many expendable, many valuable — but it seems the wrong people were fired. Those who did the hiring deserved to be jettisoned as they never could distinguish between bad and worse.

Consider that the two highest-paid remaining ESPN "talent" are **Pat McAfee** — a crude, pro-wrestling cross-promoter — and **Stephen A. Smith** — a nationally disregarded blowhard and race hustler who makes tens of millions of dollars for hollering very bad guesses as indisputable truths and swears paid endorsement allegiance to highly dubious products.

The only thing Smith brings ESPN in exchange for the ransom he's paid is national ridicule. The "little people" who once made ESPN valuable despite diminishing returns are out of work.

➤ **Doug Adler**, 2026: On issues of race, real and imagined, intent and context don't matter, nor does the truth.

Sandy Brondello, head coach of the WNBA's Toronto Tempo, was suspended for a game for making a racist crack to a ref during a game, a crack that was only racist to those eager to make it so, often as a matter of half-witted wokeism.

After one of her best players was injured, she complained that the perpetrator, the attention-starved hypocrite **Angel Reese**, is not "a protected species." Brondello is Australian, where "protected species" is a common phrase for animals, plants and overly entitled humans.

But the WNBA deemed it racist. Brondello was suspended and offered a full apology for what she clearly didn't intend. She didn't misspeak, she was misunderstood — especially by those who chose to misunderstand her.

"Racist" is now on her permanent record, though unlike Adler, as per **Venus Williams**' 2017 "guerrilla-style" tennis tactics episode, Brondello didn't suffer a lifetime sentence based on a bogus tweet from a since-fired New York Times tennis stringer followed by ESPN's cowardly refusal to defend him as the victim of a demonstrable and detestable lie.

Neither The Times nor ESPN has ever noted, let alone apologized to Adler, for its immediate and cowardly rush to rotten judgment.

As for Reese, strictly in news media terms, she *is* a protected species, as her unsporting on-court conduct is blindly indulged. The few criticisms directed toward her, she mysteriously explained away as "sexual objectification" — huh? — while continuing to pose for sex-objectifying, barely dressed glamour photos.

And once again, this reminder: No matter how hard **Al Sharpton** pretends to try, we can't successfully pursue racial equality through inequality. Smart folks can read between all the lines.

Fielding always a question with Soto

THE ONLY joy in watching the Mets is removed when **Juan Soto** is removed from the outfield to be the DH.

He plays left and right field like a tap-dancing student wearing flip-flops. Yet **Gary Cohen** passes on the chance that he's minus-10 on defensive runs allowed based on ACIs — Almost Caught Its.

But what do you expect for a guaranteed $765 million plus perks?

➤ Student-athletes: It's time Georgia swapped nicknames with Georgia Tech. Georgia, with at least 30 arrests of football players for reckless driving — including a double fatality — should be known as the "Ramblin' Wrecks."

This week, another Georgia player, RB **Dante Dowdell**, made the list. He was hospitalized following a wreck of the ATV he was driving, with no circumstances as yet revealed.

Also this week, former Ohio State and Penn State WR **Julian Crushshon-Fleming** was sentenced to prison after being convicted of a DWI crash of an ATV that killed his girlfriend.

And former Kansas basketball star **Lagerald Vick** was arrested for attempted first-degree murder, charged with shooting a man in the back.

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Geno told cops he was victim in scuffle with ex

By EDWARD LEWIS

Geno Smith spoke with cops for more than an hour after his ex accused him of roughing her up last month, and the Jets quarterback was adamant the entire time that he was the victim in the case, newly released police video shows.

The Davie Police Department responded to Smith's South Florida mansion around 4:40 p.m. June 21 to investigate claims of a battery, and Smith immediately claimed he was innocent.

In body camera footage obtained by The Post on Thursday, Smith told cops that his ex — whom he now employs — got physical with him after she dropped off his child at his place earlier in the day.

"She hit me," Smith said to police. "I got a knot in the back of my head. I got a scratch on my face. I'm trying to say I don't want her to go to jail. But if she's trying to put me in jail, what can I do?"

Smith posed for pictures, pointing out his wounds as an officer took snaps on his iPhone.

"It's all just 'cause I'm [physically] moving her," the two-time Pro Bowler said of how he sustained his injuries. "She's swinging at me, I'm trying to duck it. That's when she hit me in the back of the head."

The woman, meanwhile, told responding officers a very different story.

After calling police to the residence via 911, she stated Smith beat her up after she entered his residence to bring back his son. She pointed out that she had a cut on her hand and bruising on her arm.

Ultimately, cops couldn't determine who was the primary aggressor, and urged both parties to file a case with the State Attorney's Office if they wanted to press charges before they left. The investigation was closed at the scene but was later reopened. However, on July 14, the Davie PD revealed it had closed the probe once more without making any arrests.

Smith, who was traded to the Jets from the Raiders earlier this year, has not commented publicly on the incident.

IT'S NOT YOU, IT'S ME: Newly released police bodycam footage shows Jets QB Geno Smith telling officers that his ex was the instigator in a domestic dustup in June. No charges were filed in the incident.

Bill Kostroun

COVER STORY: Minkah Fitzpatrick (29) was brought in to help a Jets secondary that includes Andre Cisco (8) and Azareye'h Thomas (1) generate more turnovers — specifically to intercept passes, after the team became the first to record zero interceptions in a season.

'PICK' A STRATEGY

By BRIAN COSTELLO

It is a number that lingered over the Jets for the entire 2025 season and carried over into this offseason.

Zero.

As in, the Jets became the first team with zero interceptions in a season since the NFL began tracking the stat in 1933. It still seems inconceivable that they could have played 17 games, faced 515 passes and come up with zilch, nada, nothing.

Now, the 2026 team enters training camp and its season trying to end that takeaway drought and become a defense that can give its offense some short fields to work with. Cornerback Brandon Stephens recently called the drought "the elephant in the room." Players say they are not talking about last year's futility, but it remains in the back of their minds.

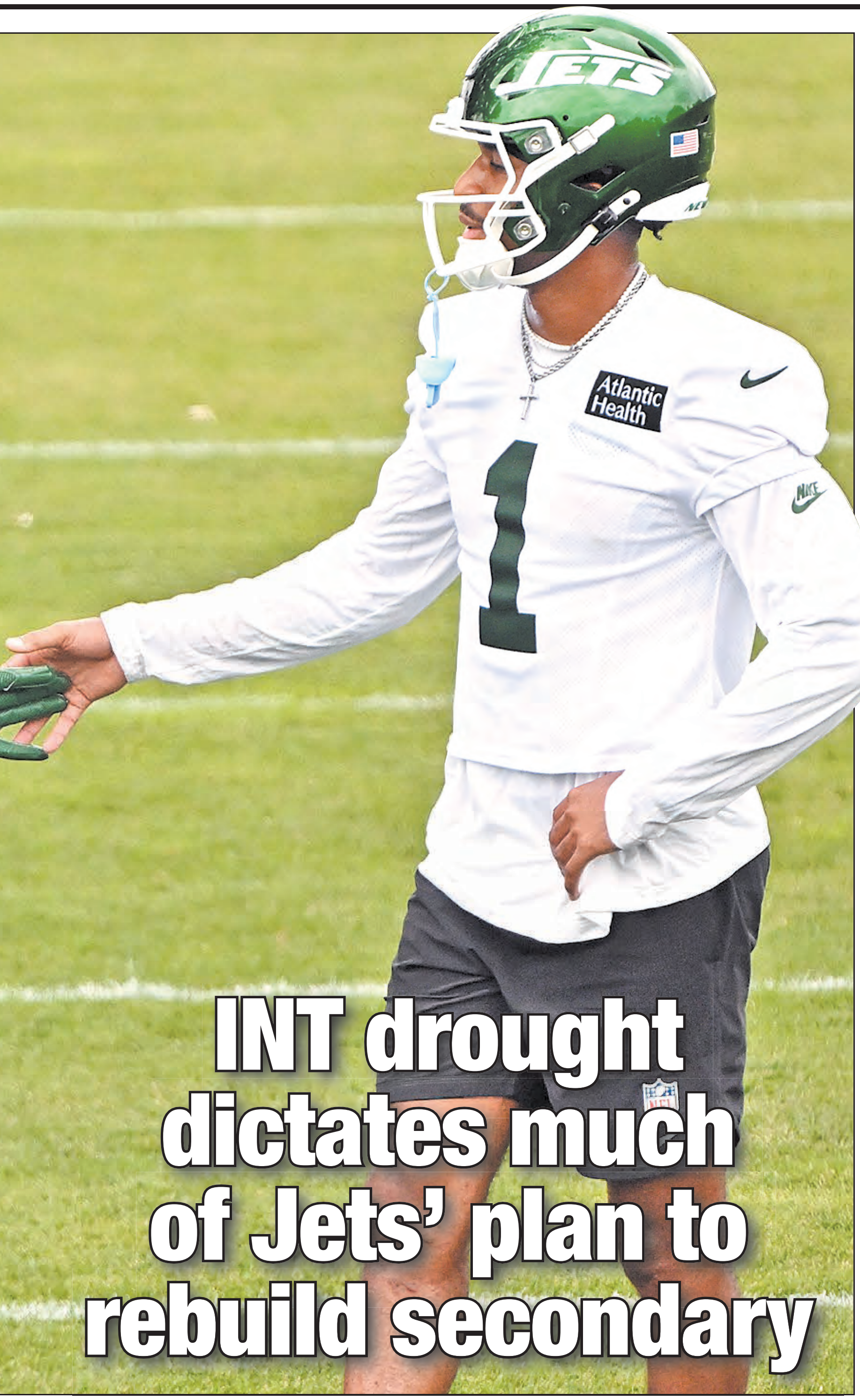
"It's hard to believe that could happen, but it happened," Stephens said. "After the season, you keep it in the back of your mind, but you also flush it. You just try to improve that so it doesn't happen again. I think all the guys are taking that personally, because that's now part of our name. How do we want to rewrite the story after that?"

Coach Aaron Glenn said finding players to get more interceptions was part of the offseason plan. You can see it when you look at the team's remade secondary. The Jets traded for former All-Pro safety Minkah Fitzpatrick and gave him a three-year, $40 million contract after acquiring him from the Dolphins. Fitzpatrick has 21 career interceptions and is known as having a nose for the ball. At age 29, his production has dropped some (two interceptions in the past three seasons), but it is clear the Jets think he can help them.

"I mean, he's done that through the course of his career, so I don't expect that to change at all," Glenn said about Fitzpatrick. "We want guys that can get their hands on the ball. We want guys that can make plays. And we also want guys that, when things break down, have the instincts to get us right back where we need to be, to give us another chance to have another play. And he's done that throughout his career, so I'm expecting the same."

Glenn should be able to be creative with Fitzpatrick, who has played deep safety earlier in his career, but has worked closer to the line of scrimmage and in the slot lately.

"I like moving around," Fitzpatrick said. "I like being able to give the quarterback different looks. I think when you just sit in a high post all game, they know you're back there and they could dial stuff up for you, but they could also avoid you. So, I like being a chess piece. It doesn't necessarily have to be in the slot, but I



INT drought dictates much of Jets' plan to rebuild secondary

don't like to be a moving target."

The Jets might go into Week 1 with just one starter in the secondary who is the same from Week 1 last year, and that is Stephens. They traded away star cornerback Sauce Gardner at midseason last year as well as nickel Michael Carter II. The starting safeties against the Steelers in the 2025 season opener were Tony Adams and Andre Cisco. Adams is now on the Titans. Cisco is back but will be competing with Malachi Moore and Dane Belton for the spot opposite Fitzpatrick.

At the second cornerback spot, Nahshon Wright is the favorite to start, though he will have to beat out Azareye'h Thomas and rookie D'Angelo Ponds, who also could be the starting nickel if he beats out Jarvis Brownlee Jr. Ponds had seven interceptions in three years in college, including a memorable pick-six in Indiana's playoff win over Oregon.

Wright had five interceptions last season for the Bears, which was tied for the most among cornerbacks. Wright also had a penchant for giving up big plays. That could be why the Jets landed him on a modest one-year, $3.5 million deal. But there is no question he was productive last year.

The Jets hope he can be part of a turnover turnaround.

"Just like you guys saw it, I saw it, too, and it doesn't feel good," Glenn said of the drought. "Obviously, you see we got a guy like Minkah, we got a guy like Demario [Davis] that can affect the passer and affect the ball. We brought in Nahshon, a guy that led the league in picks. That was obviously something that we have to get better at. The only way you can get better at things like that is go get guys that can do it. Those guys have done it at a high level so I look forward to them doing that again."

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Rangers get boost from double D's

Getty Images (2)

IN THEIR DEFENSE: The Rangers added a pair of defensemen recently who are looking forward to working together, Sean Durzi (above) and Marcus Pettersson.

By MOLLIE WALKER

Earlier this month, Sean Durzi's agent, Allan Walsh, ran into Marcus Pettersson at Canucks defenseman Filip Hronek's wedding near Prague.

Durzi and Pettersson had just become Rangers teammates 10 days prior, and Walsh was inclined to dial up his client so that he and Pettersson could say hello and exchange some words before getting on the ice together closer to the start of the 2026-27 season.

Because even though they became Blueshirts in separate trades, Durzi and Pettersson were brought to New York together.

The Rangers defense corps was instantly recalibrated upon the completion of their respective transactions on July 1. Expected to forge the second pair, Durzi and Pettersson were identified as a potentially complementary duo that can bring mobility, production and reliable defensive play.

The admiration and respect they already have for one another was apparent during their introductory Zoom calls Thursday.

"I know Marcus' game is incredible," Durzi said. "You look at this D corps, it's a solid D corps. It's a lot of great players. It's an exciting D corps. I think whatever they have planned for me, I think that's what I'm willing to do. If I'm lucky enough to play with Marcus, it's an exciting pair."

Added Pettersson: "I know Sean's game. I know he's a great skater. He can move the puck. Offensive guy, but he's got an edge to him as well. I played with John Marino, who he played with in Utah, and he only talked good things about him in his game. If we are a pair, great. But it's a great group of defensemen that we have, and I think we have some healthy competition there, too, where you can mix and match, and see what chemistry works, what pairings work."

For Durzi, the trade to New York came as a bit of a surprise. Having been along for the ride for the Arizona Coyotes relocation to Utah, the 27-year-old spent the past three seasons helping a young Mammoth team grow into its own before the club finally broke into the playoffs this past season.

Since it wasn't his first trade — the Kings shipped him to Arizona in June 2023 — Durzi said he knew how to handle it.

"Initial shock, and then it's: Get to work," he said. "I'm a big believer in proving those who believe in you right, and I think having the opportunity to prove this staff with the Rangers right is exciting for me. That's kind of a little bit of a kick of motivation in the middle of a long grinding summer, and I can't wait. It's a lot of excitement. I'm going to give everything I have."

On the other hand, Pettersson had to approve his trade to the Rangers by waiving his no-move clause.

Asked why the Rangers were a team he was willing to do that for, the Swedish blueliner cited the Original Six appeal and his history with head coach Mike Sullivan.

Pettersson played parts of seven seasons under Sullivan in Pittsburgh, including his career-best campaign in 2023-24, in which he posted 30 points (four goals, 26 assists) in 82 games.

"First off, as a person, I feel like me and Sully had a great relationship," Pettersson said. "He's a straightforward kind of guy. You're never really wondering what you should do or where you're at or stuff like that. Very straightforward, clear communication. I love that about him. System-wise, I feel like it tends to play into my playing style. I want to play a fast-paced style like he wants to play, and pressure on pucks."

Sullivan isn't the only Ranger Pettersson has familiarity with. The 30-year-old Pettersson also played with Mika Zibanejad for Team Sweden at the 2025 IIHF Men's World Championship in Stockholm.

Getting to watch Zibanejad up close was helpful, Pettersson said, noting that they had some "great conversations" during their time as teammates for Tre Kronor.

Pettersson mentioned that Rangers captain J.T. Miller has also reached out as well. After spending the last season and a half in Vancouver, where Miller played almost six full seasons before returning to Manhattan, Pettersson said his Canucks teammates reached out and told him he was "going to love [Miller] and his family."

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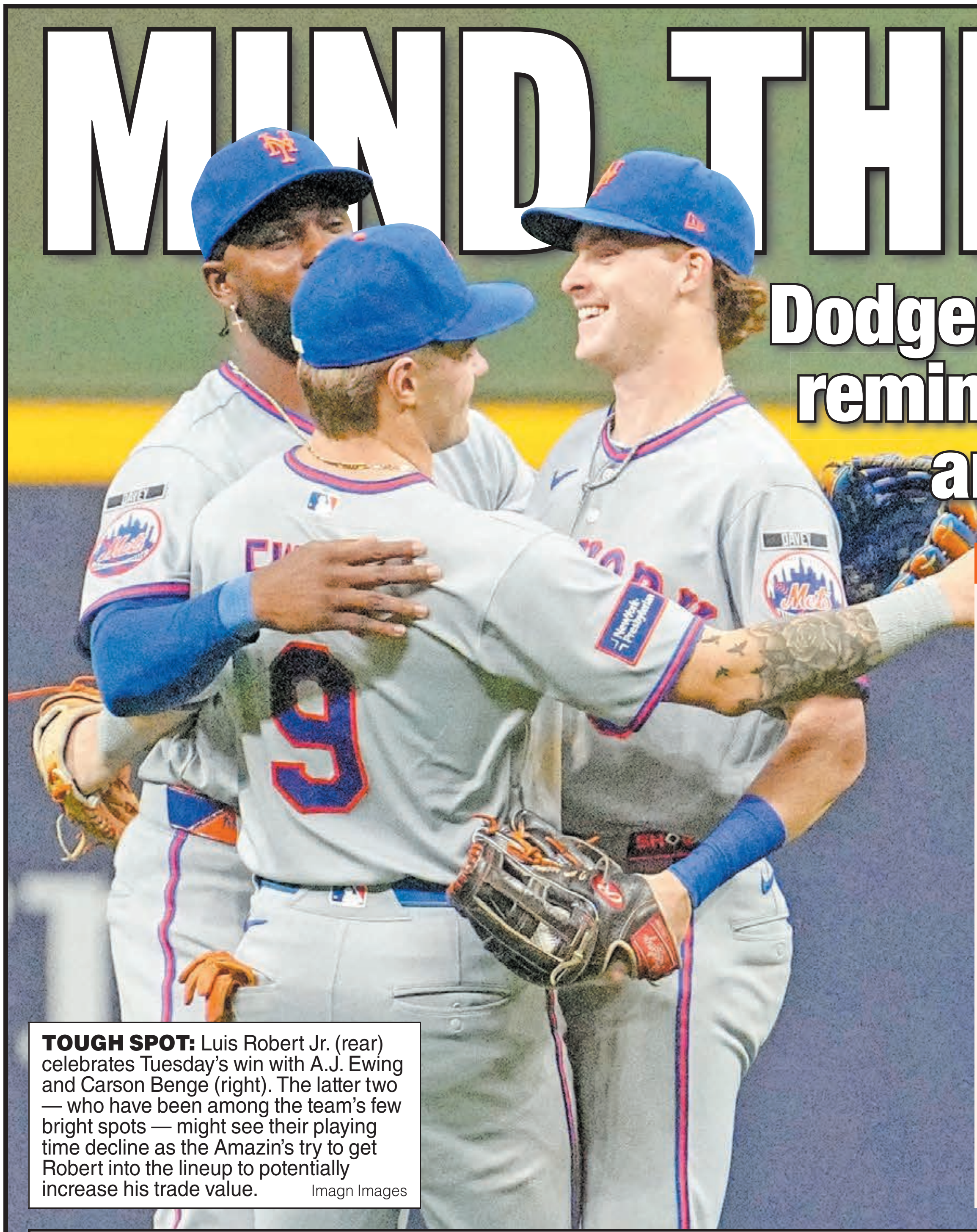

TOUGH SPOT: Luis Robert Jr. (rear) celebrates Tuesday's win with A.J. Ewing and Carson Benge (right). The latter two — who have been among the team's few bright spots — might see their playing time decline as the Amazin's try to get Robert into the lineup to potentially increase his trade value. Imagn Images

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SATURDAY: vs. Dodgers, 7:15 p.m., Fox, WHSQ
RHP Nolan McLean vs. RHP Yoshinobu Yamamoto

SUNDAY: vs. Dodgers, 1:40 p.m., SNY, WHSQ
RHP Freddy Peralta vs. RHP Emmet Sheehan

INJURY REPORT

- **Dedniel Núñez** has made nine rehab appearances this season, the past two with Triple-A Syracuse, as the right-hander recovers from last year's Tommy John surgery. The 30-year-old reliever pitched well in 25 outings with the Mets in 2024 before undergoing elbow surgery a year ago.

By DAN MARTIN

As if Mets fans needed another reminder of just how much of a train wreck this season has turned into, here comes the biggest one of all: The Dodgers will be at Citi Field when the Mets open their homestand Friday.

It comes on the heels of another lost series, this one to the Brewers, where David Stearns' old team is battling the Dodgers for the best record in the sport.

And now the same Dodgers the Mets were supposed to emulate when Stearns arrived in Queens and paired with Steve Cohen's money are in town to show off just how big a gap there is between the two franchises.

Because instead of a battle of coastal powerhouses, the series that opens Friday is another example of just how far the Mets are from reaching their goal.

The Dodgers have the best record in the majors (65-38) and stand to get even better over the next two weeks.

Even before they figure to add improvements by the Aug. 3 trade deadline, they should get their closer, Edwin Díaz, back.

The ex-Met is expected to return to the bullpen within the next few days — although not likely by this weekend — after surgery to remove loose bodies in his elbow.

Kiké Hernández has been out with a strained oblique and could be back this month.

Meanwhile, the Dodgers have not just overcome the absence of those two key players, but catcher Will Smith is out indefinitely with a neck injury and Shohei Ohtani has been dealing with left knee inflammation that's kept him off the mound.

Blake Snell and Tyler Glasnow are expected back in the rotation next month.

The Dodgers recently shrugged off a sweep at the hands of the Diamondbacks in Los Angeles and won series against the Yankees and Phillies — both on the road.

As for the Mets, they haven't won as many as three straight games since the end of May.

They are a season-high 17 games under .500, 17 games out of first place in the NL East and 10 ½ out of the final NL wild-card spot.

And now they've forced themselves into sitting one of their only bright spots — either Carson Benge or A.J. Ewing — on a regular basis to get Luis Robert Jr. in the lineup to potentially increase his trade value.

"I understand why they're doing it," one National League scout said of the decision to try to play Robert regularly now that he's finally returned from a back issue, "as long as it's just until the [trade] deadline. But it still doesn't look great. Having those two rookies out there is about all that's worth paying attention to, but their development isn't gonna be impacted by a few days out of the lineup in July. It just can't go on later [in the season]."

It's still another example, though, of how this season has gone off the rails for the Mets, as the scout noted the number of questions they have up and down their roster, which will continue at least for the foreseeable future.

"Who's their first baseman next season?" the scout said. "Second baseman in two or three years? Third? They've shown you can't just trade or sign those guys that easily. The Dodgers have shown the ability to find the right guys to fill out their team. The Mets haven't."

And that will be on display in full effect for the next three days.

While Nolan McLean is starting Saturday, he's sandwiched between Sean Manaea and Freddy Peralta.

By the end of the 10-game homestand that begins Friday, the Mets will look considerably different and certainly not any better.

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DEALMAKERS

Padres closer tops MLB's deadline trade options

MASON Miller, the game's best closer with three-plus years of team control and confidence forever, tops even superstar pitcher Tarik Skubal to lead our list of the 15 most intriguing trade candidates.

There's nothing not to like. Miller comes right at you with a 103 mph fastball that's his second-best pitch after a lights-out slider. I asked him at the All-Star Game how he got so good after starting as a small-college guy throwing 85 mph, and he opened his palm to reveal his daily medicine. "Diabetes," he said. They discovered it late and he became a new pitcher.

I asked him about the Yankees, and he said he figured 29 teams would be interested in him. I imagine that's true. The Yankees are clearly one that is, if he's truly available.

The underachieving 50-53 Padres are on the bubble now. They have half a rotation due to injured starters (Nick Pivetta, Joe Musgrove and Yu Darvish), a couple of bloated contracts (Xander Bogaerts, Manny Machado) and are trending down (2-5 in the second half). But they're also on the fringe of the wild-card race, sell out beautiful Petco Park and have a new owner plus a well-known go-for-it style. They're simultaneously looking into big-time buying while listening on Miller.

The Yankees and Padres made a previous blockbuster (Juan Soto, December 2023), but hurdles exist. There will be plenty of competition — including the Mariners; Miller's hometown Pirates, who are vastly improved save for the bullpen; and others.

As to the price tag, consider Miller has about nine times more team control than Skubal. While the Yankees will try, GM Brian Cashman's caution has shown in season. Mark Melancon might be the best player Cashman gave up in decades of deadlines, and they might have to start a package for Miller with shortstop George Lombard Jr., MLB's No. 20 prospect.

The Yankees do have another highly regarded shortstop prospect (Dax Kilby) and some young pitchers (Will Warren, Ryan Weathers, Ben Grable, Ben Hess, Bryce Cunningham), but with Jasson Domínguez and Spencer Jones dropping in value, it's questionable whether they can outbid 28 other teams.

Here's our list of the most interesting trade candidates.

1. Mason Miller, Padres RP: Odds to go: 40 percent.

2. Tarik Skubal, Tigers SP: The Tigers still could win a weak division, but they could also get a haul for him. Tough call. Odds to go: 45 percent.

3. Zach Neto, Angels SS: Word has allegedly come down from above to shop Neto, a power-hitting shortstop. Odds to go: 25 percent.

4. Joe Ryan, Twins SP: With another year of team control, he probably stays. Odds to go: 10 percent.

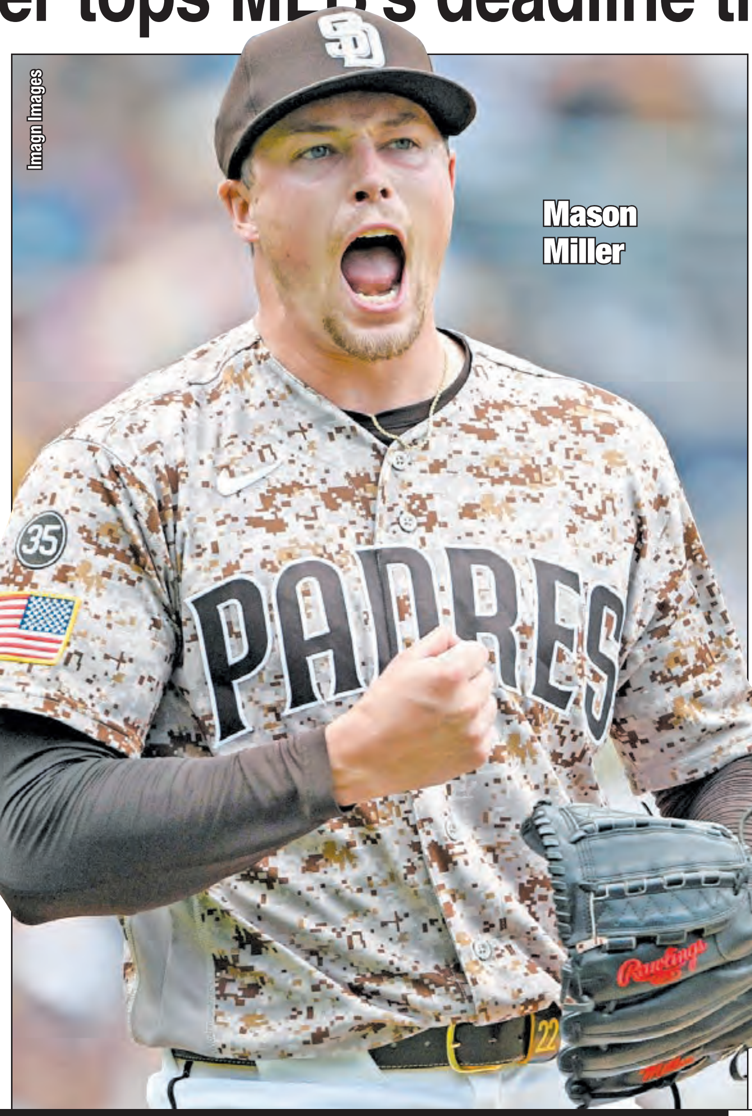
5. Foster Griffin, Nationals SP: The Nats didn't plan to be this good, so it's no guarantee, though he's a free agent who's allowed one or no runs in eight straight starts. Odds to go: 50 percent.

6. Ryan Jeffers, Twins C: New Twins owner Tom Pohlad didn't like his brother selling 11 players at the deadline last year, but Jeffers is a free agent. Odds to go: 60 percent.

7. Jeremy Peña, Astros SS: Houston doesn't like selling, but the former World Series MVP changed his mind about signing long term a year ago. Odds to go: 15 percent.

8. Shea Langeliers, Athletics C: A Yankees call didn't seem to bring traction. Odds to go: 10 percent.

9. Hunter Greene, Reds SP: He has big stuff and a big personality, and he's signed to a reasonable deal. Odds to go: 10 percent.



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10. Luis Arraez, Giants 2B: He's transformed into an excellent defender under Ron Washington's tutelage. Odds to go: 90 percent.

11. Freddy Peralta, Mets SP: They need to find a team that thinks his off year (5.01 ERA) is all about terrible Mets defense. Odds to go: 90 percent.

12. Daulton Varsho, Blue Jays CF: The Jays look like a seller the year after World Series heartbreak. Odds to go: 50 percent.

13. Reid Detmers, Angels SP: The Angels need to rebuild, and may finally do it. Odds to go: 60 percent.

14. Francisco Lindor, Mets SS: The Mets are reluctant to trade him since they want to win in 2027. Odds to go: 5 percent.

15. Adley Rutschman, Orioles C: With Samuel Basallo signed long term, a Rutschman deal makes sense. Odds to go: 30 percent.

Others of interest: Hunter Goodman, Bo Bichette, Robbie Ray, Logan Webb, Michael King, Rafael Devers, Mike Trout, José Soriano, Luis Castillo, Eugenio Suárez, Josh Hader, Luis Robert Jr., Luke Weaver, King, Francisco Alvarez, Kevin Gausman, CJ Abrams, Trevor Rogers, Taylor Ward, Tyler Mahle, Mickey Moniak, Antonio Senzatela, A.J. Minter, Brady Singer, Adrian Morejon, Isaac Paredes, Christian Walker, Nick Lodolo, Andrew Abbott.

Yankees on prowl for a Mr. Righty

THE YANKEES seek a right-handed bat in addition to a catcher and relievers.

Shortstop isn't a top priority, partly due to faith in prospect **George Lombard Jr.**, a terrific defender. Recent estimates suggest Lombard could be up in about two weeks.

The Giants have received calls on all their available nine-figure veterans — **Matt Chapman**, **Willy Adames** and **Rafael Devers**. But teams are reluctant to take big money considering CBA uncertainty and ownership interest in a cap.

Chapman could fit the Yankees, Phillies or Red Sox. (The Yankees don't love the $108 million to go, though.)

The Yankees like **Luis Arraez**, who'll go somewhere. But it's hard to see how he fits there positionally.

Ryan Jeffers, a righty-hitting catcher, looks like the most logical get for the Yankees — if the Twins sell.

Bo Bichette's contract is so good it's probably untradeable even after his $40M signing bonus was paid. Impossible to see Bichette opting out with $84M to go over two years.

The Mets seem somewhat reluctant to trade **Luke Weaver** for the same reason they're very reluctant to trade **Francisco Lindor**: They want to compete in 2027. Lindor and Bichette have veto power. Lindor likely would invoke it.

The recommendation: Trade Weaver because he should be more valuable to a contender, and relievers are unpredictable. ...

Nice note: Lindor protégé **Aiden Ruiz**, a second-rounder, signed for $3.5M with the Pirates (53.6 percent over slot). The slick-fielding shortstop from Stony Brook School was a Vanderbilt recruit. ...

Luis Robert Jr. looks decent since returning, and the Mets are obviously showcasing him in center field since they moved the defensively superior **A.J. Ewing** (an 80 CF on the 20-80 scale, according to one scout) to accommodate him.

CLOCK ’EM SOCK ’EM

Caballero takes swing at MLB for cracking down on his pre-pitch routine

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

If José Caballero is going down — and it seems as if he is, now forced to begrudgingly adjust a routine he had perfected — he is going down swinging at Major League Baseball.

The Yankees shortstop, whose pre-pitch habit designed to take advantage of every allowable second of the pitch clock became the subject of an MLB crackdown — without any warning — Wednesday, still was upset a day later and said the league knows it is “wrong.”

“It’s very easy to simply invent rules and change the world’s most beautiful sport and then not be responsible for those mistakes,” Caballero wrote in Spanish in an Instagram post Thursday. “They know they’re wrong but it’s very difficult to accept that a regular player, who only wants to play the sport he has always loved, can adapt and use it in his game.”

All season — and far earlier than that, toying with the timer since he was a Mariners minor leaguer even before the majors adopted the clock in 2023 — Caballero has used a technique that appeared to be within the rules and yet led to frequent arguments with opposing pitchers and home plate umpires.

To prevent quick pitches or pitchers pitching to unprepared batters, hitters must make eye contact with the pitcher with at least 8 seconds on the clock. And thus Caballero would refuse to look at the pitcher — perhaps playing with his bat or staring into the dugout or crowd — until there were 8 or 9 seconds left. Doing so 1) put pressure on the pitcher, who had to be engaged at that moment to ensure an automatic ball would not be called, 2) provided the pitcher the least allowable amount of time to then release the pitch and 3) often annoyed the pitcher, which a pest like Caballero considered an advantage.

That changed Wednesday, when MLB instructed the Yankees-Pirates umpiring crew to police the routine by enforcing an on-the-books rule that restricts hitters from attempting “to deceive a pitcher into beginning their windup or coming to the set position.” The league’s sudden focus on the routine followed an incident Monday in which Pirates pitcher Dennis Santana became irked at Caballero’s clock manipulation, which led to words being exchanged and the dugouts emptying.

During the opening game of Wednesday’s doubleheader, Caballero was issued a pitch-clock violation in the sixth inning for the same pre-pitch procedure he has always used, which prompted arguments, hitting coach James Rowson getting tossed and, ultimately, a strikeout in a Yankees loss.

“Maybe my English is so bad that I don’t understand,” the Panamanian, who has a good command of the language, said after the game, “but ‘deceiving’ kind of means that you’re trying to trick someone. And I’m not trying to trick someone because I do the same thing over and over.”

After the game, manager Aaron Boone called the league’s lack of warning to Caballero and the Yankees “embarrassing.”

The league’s reasoning, according to the umpires, was that Caballero has been “warned all season.”

“We were instructed not to warn him,” crew chief Adrian Johnson told a pool reporter. “We were instructed to violate him. That’s what it is. It’s a violation.”

What is a violation?

“It’s talking about when he gets in [the batter’s box], he’s not allowed an inordinate amount of time looking down, trying to get the pitcher to cause a violation,” said home plate umpire Quinn Wolcott. “There’s no other hitter that gets in the box [and] takes the amount of time that Caballero does while looking down and not making eye contact with the pitcher. Obviously, it’s caused a lot of problems in the past. It’s not going to be allowed anymore.”

As heard on YES Network, on-field microphones caught Caballero repeatedly telling the umpires they were “picking on me.”

It seems as if that accusation is now aimed toward the league.

“Bottom line,” Caballero wrote in his post, as interpreted by Carolina Sánchez Calabese, “they are in charge and will do and undo whenever and however they want and everyone else has to be silent and obey.”

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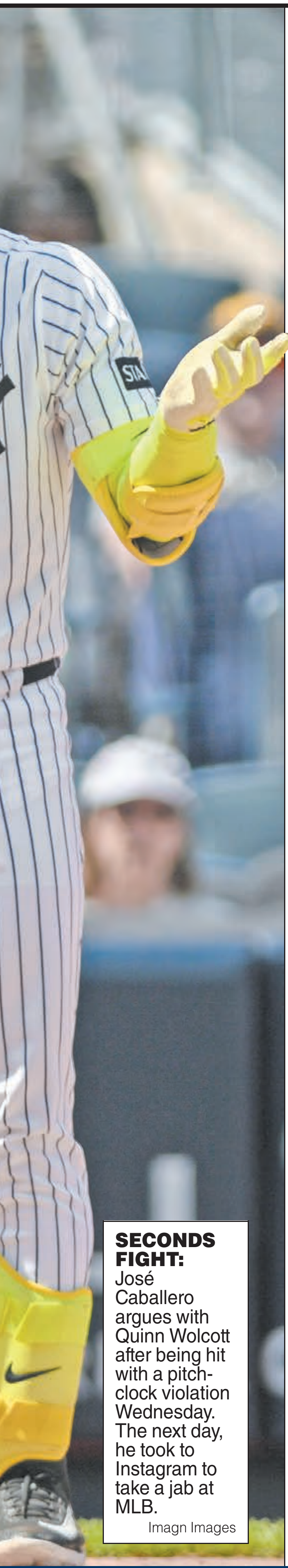

SECONDS FIGHT: José Caballero argues with Quinn Wolcott after being hit with a pitch-clock violation Wednesday. The next day, he took to Instagram to take a jab at MLB.

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Chivilli could be Angel from heaven for Yanks bullpen

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

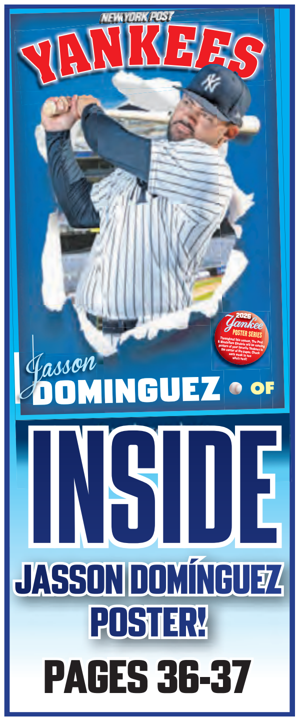
An unexpected question the Yankees will need to ask themselves ahead of the trade deadline: Is Angel Chivilli for real?

Unfathomable just three weeks ago, the young, hard-throwing right-hander is beginning to work himself into Aaron Boone's circle of trust at a time Brian Cashman & Co. are looking for high-end relievers they can trust.

The nightcap Wednesday in The Bronx may have offered a hint. Granted, Boone had fewer options than usual after burning Brent Headrick, David Bednar and Fernando Cruz hours earlier, but in a scoreless game in the sixth inning with three Pirates righties due up, Boone did not call for a rested (and struggling) Camilo Doval.

Instead Boone signaled for Chivilli, who set down the side in order and — despite having pitched Sunday and Monday — returned for the seventh inning, when he induced a ground ball from Jared Triolo on which Anthony Volpe could not complete the play.

Two ups in a tie game while pitching for the third time in four days is the workload of a strong and reliable reliever, and that is what Chivilli has been for two and a half weeks.



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This stretch is "absolutely" showing something to Boone.

"He's done a heck of a job," Boone said of a pitcher who allowed an earned run in his first outing, back on April 16, and has not let up another in the ensuing eight.

Chivilli is a 23-year-old who was brought over in a January trade with the Rockies for first baseman TJ Rumfield, who was blocked with the Yankees and has been a real discovery (.858 OPS) in Colorado. Any talk about the Yankees getting ripped off will have to wait until more is known about Chivilli.

The biggest change from organization to organization has been minimizing a four-seamer that climbs into the upper 90s, a heater that Chivilli threw 45.9 percent of the time last year and is throwing 20.5 percent of the time this year.

Perhaps not coincidentally, his ERA has dropped from 7.06 in 43 games to 0.79 in nine games.

"Last year, it was a heavy fastball year," Chivilli said through interpreter Marlon Abreu on Wednesday. "Right now I'm just mixing everything."

Chivilli said his slider is "sharper," and his third pitch has been the standout to Boone.

"The changeup's been a phenomenal pitch for him," Boone said of an offering against which opposing hitters are 2-for-24 this year. "… He's also a guy that does a good job with left- and right-handed hitters when he's on — he can neutralize them."

He has been on since returning to the majors July 5 following shoulder discomfort, which sidelined him in late April and all of May, and following an effective June with Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.

This month Chivill has covered nine innings in seven games, allowed one unearned run, struck out nine and let up three hits and a walk. He is aware the Yankees may be shopping for relievers by Aug. 3 but said, "I believe I can keep helping the team."

How much help does the bullpen — which entered Thursday's off day with the second-best ERA (3.06) in baseball — need? That will be one of many questions on Cashman's mind a week and a half until decision day.

Bednar, Headrick, Cruz and Tim Hill are pieces of a playoff bullpen. Increasingly, Paul Blackburn (2.00 ERA) looks like one, too. There is the wild card of Will Warren (who pitched in relief Wednesday night) and/or Ryan Weathers being converted if the rotation is healthy. Doval at least has the stuff capable of recording critical outs in October. Ryan Yarbrough has been effective and is playoff tested. There is no doubt the Yankees want to see more from Chivilli and Yovanny Cruz, who is honing his splitter with SWB and hasn't been touched in his three major league games.

None of these pitchers is Mason Miller. But if the Yankees do not land the very best of the best, the current group of relievers is making a strong argument that the bullpen is not as great a need as, say, a catcher, a righty-hitting outfielder and perhaps a shortstop.

A few months ago, such a notion would have been far-fetched. And even a few weeks ago, it would have been difficult to imagine Chivilli's presence factoring into the club's deadline plans.

"That's been a nice, pleasant surprise," Boone said of the Dominican Republic native. "Especially after he had the injury early in the season, then goes back down to Triple-A, and got an opportunity.

"He seized it."

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Angel Chivilli

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INJURY REPORT

- **Giancarlo Stanton** (calf strain) continues his running progression, Aaron Boone said, and should not be "too far off" from a return. Stanton has not yet run the bases.
- **Clarke Schmidt** (Tommy John) threw a second live batting practice since undergoing surgery last year, facing hitters on Wednesday.

ON DECK

at Phillies

Friday, 6:45 p.m., Apple TV+, WFAN (660 AM, 101.9 FM)

RHP Will Warren

2026 stats:
7-4, 4.03 ERA

Career vs. PHI:
0-0, 4.91 ERA

Last start:
July 12 at BOS;
5.2 IP, 7 H, 3 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

4-Seamer	Sinker	Sweeper
48%	27%	19%

LHP Jesús Luzardo

2026 stats:
9-4, 3.43 ERA

Career vs. NYY:
0-3, 18.36 ERA

Last start:
Sat. vs. NYM;
5.0 IP, 2 H, 1 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

Sweeper	4-Seamer	Changeup
37%	25%	20%

UP NEXT

SATURDAY: at Phillies, 6:05 p.m., YES, WFAN
RHP Cam Schlittler vs. TBD

SUNDAY: at Phillies, 7:20 p.m., NBC, WFAN
LHP Ryan Weathers vs. LHP Cristopher Sánchez

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STREAM IT OR SKIP IT

The new **"Scary Movie"** (VOD) is another limp array of quasi-satirical references pretending to be a movie. A little effort might go a long way, but why futz with a financially successful formula?

OUR CALL: SKIP IT

WHAT TO WATCH

Four years after first saying "hi" to Nick Nelson (**Kit Connor**, far left) and Charlie Spring (**Joe Locke**, left) in **"Heartstopper,"** it's time to say goodbye. Netflix's beloved coming-of-age series came to an end last week with the release of **"Heartstopper Forever,"** a feature-length series finale.

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'Next Gen NYC's Emira D'Spain saw the downside of being a loyal friend to Charlie Zakkour

LESSON LEARNED

Gia Giudice and Emira D'Spain (left) star on "Next Gen NYC." New episodes air Wednesdays at 9 p.m. ET/PT on Bravo, with next-day streaming on Peacock.

By KAREN KEMMERLE AND MACKENZIE ROBBINS

'**Next Gen NYC"** star Emira D'Spain has long been the voice of reason in her friend group. So, it was no surprise that the wildly successful content creator was one of the few to keep her cool on a recent girls night out. While D'Spain and Georgia McCann have been known to clash, D'Spain was truly "shocked" when McCann revealed that it was D'Spain's former bestie Charlie Zakkour—and not McCann's infamous "gay grapevine"—who told her that D'Spain thought she was being inappropriate with her boyfriend, Kevin Stefanick.

Despite McCann exposing Zakkour's betrayal, D'Spain maintained a level head. "At first, I didn't believe her because she had something to gain from causing a problem between myself and Charlie," explained D'Spain. "It felt like she was trying to stir the pot a little bit, especially after changing her narrative suddenly." However, D'Spain did learn a valuable lesson after she confronted Zakkour and he admitted that McCann's claims were true. "Sometimes being a loyal friend really does come back to bite you in the ass," said D'Spain simply.

In the midst of all her friend drama, D'Spain was struggling with work-life balance and dealing with the self-imposed pressure of taking care of her family. "I've always been very strong-willed, so I try to not take help even when I need it, " said D'Spain. However, D'Spain bravely confided in her mother, Fouzia, about the stress she was under. "It felt good to have that conversation with my mom and open up to her about what I had been dealing with." Today, D'Spain is "feeling a lot better about everything."

DECIDER: Emira, let's get into last week's episode! It's fair to say that the girls' night out was a bit of a mess. Did you have any idea what you were getting yourself into?

EMIRA D'SPAIN: No [laughs]. This was the first time that everyone in our group spent a night out like that together. I had no idea about what was going to happen.

The person I felt most sorry for during the dueling girls' night/boys' night was Gia's boyfriend, Christian. Did you know about the sad texts he was sending to her all night?

No, I did not know that he was so sad [laughs]. I mean, I had a feeling. We all knew that Brooks wanted out of there. We were happy that everyone came over to girls' night.

One of the night's bombshell moments was when Georgia revealed that it was not the "gay grapevine" but actually Charlie who told her that you thought she was flirting with your boyfriend, Kevin. How shocked were you that he was her source?

I was shocked. It's really unfortunate because I felt like Georgia was trying to make it seem like Charlie said those things. At first, I didn't believe her because she had something to gain from causing a problem between myself and Charlie. She obviously has a vendetta against him. It felt like she was trying to stir the pot a little bit, especially after changing her narrative suddenly.

That betrayal really seemed to hit you hard because you were the person who stood by Charlie and kept inviting him to things after the crypto torture house scandal. Do you regret how loyal you were to him?

At that point, I did not regret how loyal I was. Later on, you will see that sometimes being a loyal friend really does come back to bite you in the ass.

You talked about the not-so-great side of being a content creator, but have you been able to find joy in your work again?

I have. I have started to practice gratitude in different ways. That's made me aware of how lucky I am. Like, how blessed am I to be stressed out and overwhelmed by the things I once prayed for? [Laughs].

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TRENDING NOW

Prime Video is giving us a closer look at **Lily Allen**'s (left) life. The streamer revealed that a feature-length documentary promising to "offer an intimate portrait of the life and career" of the singer will be released globally next year.

WHAT'S NEW

ON APPLE TV
"The Dink," a pickleball comedy.

ON HGTV
"Roast My Rental," a new series hosted by **Leslie Jones** (left).

Best Bets

What's on Tonight

DOCUMENTARY

Deadliest Catch: 8 p.m. on DSC. On the Aleutian Lady, greenhorn Todd's abscessed tooth forces Rick to consider a costly return to Dutch Harbor.

ADVENTURE

Gladiator: 9:05 p.m. on PARMT. Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix. A former Roman General sets out to exact vengeance against the corrupt emperor.

THRILLER

Jaws: 11:30 p.m. on AMC. Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw. A massive killer shark unleashes chaos on a beach community off Long Island.

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AMC	54	43	231	(6:00) Jaws (1975, Thriller) Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw. PG ★★★½					Jaws 2 (1978, Thriller) Roy Scheider. PG ★★½					Jaws ★★★½
BBCAM	71	101	189	Law & Ordr	Law & Order: Entitled		Law & Order		Law & Order: Trade This		Law & Order		Law & Order: Mega	
BET	37	54	270	Boyz n the Hood (1991, Drama) Laurence Fishburne. R ★★★½					Coming to America (1988, Comedy) Eddie Murphy. R ★★★					
BRAVO	18	44	185	(5:30) Asteroid City (2023, Comedy)			Forrest Gump (1994, Drama) Tom Hanks. PG-13 ★★★★							
CNBC	15	24	102	Money	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	78	25	100	(6:00) Lead	Erin Burnett OutFront		White House Correspondents' Dinner				CNN NewsNight		CNN NewsNight	
COMEDY	45	50	190	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Dodgeball (2004) ★★★	
DISC	66	27	120	Dead Catch	Deadliest Catch (R)		Deadliest Catch		(9:01) Eye of Storm (R)		(10:01) Eye of Storm (R)		(11:01) Eye of Storm (R)	
DISNEY	49	31	250	(6:15) Wicked Wonderland (2026)			Coco (2017) Anthony Gonzalez. PG ★★★½			ZOMBIES	ZOMBIES	ZOMBIES	Miraculous	Miraculous
E!	24	51	196	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Big (1988, Comedy) Tom Hanks. PG ★★★				Holes ★★★
ESPN	28	36	70	Sports	WNBA Countdown		WNBA Skills Competition		X Games New Orleans 2026: from Caesars Superdome in New Orleans. Live.					
ESPN2	29	35	74	2026 NFL F	College	Banana Bal	Banana Ball: Bananas vs. Firefighters Live.				Life In Th	Life In Th	WWE	
FBN	43	106	117	Bottom	Wall Street	Roundtable	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
FNC	44	26	118	Spc. Rpt.	The Ingraham Angle		Jesse Watters Primetime		Hannity		Gutfeld!		Fox News @ Night	
FOOD	50	97	164	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Pressure	Caffeinated	Diners	Diners	Diners
FREE	38	49	199	Mermaid G	Beauty and the Beast (1991, Fantasy) Paige O'Hara.				(8:55) Tangled (2010, Fantasy) Mandy Moore. PG ★★★				The 700 Club (R)	
FS1	400	99	83	ARCA Racing: LOIRP		Harvick's	NASCAR Truck Series: LOIRP Live.				NHRA Qualifying: Seattle Taped.			World Cup
FX	10	40	53	Avengers	Thor: The Dark World (2013, Action) Chris Hemsworth. PG-13 ★★★					Thor: Love and Thunder (2022, Action) Chris Hemsworth. ★★★				
HALL		191	240	(6:00) The More the Merrier (2025)			Following Yonder Star (2024) John Brotherton.				Miracle in Bethlehem, PA (2023) Laura Vandervoort.			
HGTV	64	98	165	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	Zillow Wild	My Rental	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters
HIST	40	47	128	UnXplained	The UnXplained (R)		The UnXplained (R)		The UnXplained		Mysteries: Archaeological		Mysteries: Ice Cold (R)	
ID	23	171	123	Web Lies	Web of Lies		The Tech Bro Murders		The Tech Bro Murders		The Tech Bro Murders		The Tech Bro Murders	
LIFE	62	45	140	(6:00) NCIS	NCIS: Broken Bird		NCIS: Love & War		NCIS: Deliverance		(10:03) NCIS: Bounce		NCIS: South Southwest	
MeTV	33	33	3	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy	Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Golden	Golden	Burnett	P. Mason
MSG	27	87	78	(5:00) NHL	MSG PM	MSG PM	Club 30		NHL Hockey				MSG PM	MSG PM
MSG Plus	48	88	80	(6:00) To Be Announced: Program information is currently unavailable.										
MSNOW	14	23	103	Ari Melber	The Weeknight		All in with Chris Hayes		The Briefing Jen Psaki		Lawrence O'Donnell		The 11th Hour with Ali	
MTV	20	53	210	Bang	Blended (2014, Comedy) Adam Sandler. PG-13 ★★½					Bring It On (2000, Comedy) Kirsten Dunst. PG-13 ★★½				Blended
NATGEO	65	162	121	Madrid (R)	Smuggler Madrid (R)		Smuggler Madrid (R)		Smuggler Madrid (R)		Smuggler Madrid (R)		Smuggler Madrid (R)	
NICK	6	121	252	TMNT	Trolls World Tour (2020, Comedy) Anna Kendrick. PG				Friends	Friends	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang
OWN	173	180	145	(6:00) Belle	Belle Collective		Belle Collective		Heart & Hustle: Houston		Heart & Hustle: Houston		Belle Collective	
PARMT	36	56	54	(6:00) Jack Reacher (2012, Crime) Tom Cruise, Rosamund Pike.					(9:05) Gladiator (2000, Drama) Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix. R ★★★★					
SNY	26	60	77	Yeah ...	Broadway Boxing: Broadway Boxing 2401				Oh Yeah ...: 2006		Post Game	Sports	Sports	Sports
SYFY	17	48	180	(6:00) The Croods: A New Age (2020)			Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (2022) PG ★★★½				Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken (2023) Lana Condor.			
TBS	8	39	52	Bang	Bang	Bang	Deep Blue Sea (1999, Thriller) Saffron Burrows. R ★★½				(9:53) Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire (2024)			
TCM	82	41	230	(6:15) Powwow Highway (1989, Drama)			Sunset Boulevard (1950, Drama) William Holden. NR				The Prowler (1951, Drama) Van Heflin. NR ★★½			
TLC	52	28	139	90 Day (R)	90 Day Fiancé (R)		90 Day Fiancé: More to Love: Meeting the Family				90 Day	90 Day: Last (R)		90 Day (R)
TNT	3	37	51	(5:00) The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001)					The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (2002, Fantasy) Elijah Wood. PG-13 ★★★★					
TVLAND	85	34	241	Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Raymond: Cookies		Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens
USA	16	38	50	(6:00) Fire	WWE: Made (R)		WWE Friday Night Live.				Everything	Everything	Men	Men
VH1	19	52	217	Wife/Kids	Wife/Kids	Wife/Kids	Gridiron Gang (2006, Drama) Dwayne Johnson. PG-13 ★★★						Like Mike (2002) PG ★★	
WE	59	42	149	(5:45) Beverly Hills Cop (1984, Action) R			Love After Lockup: Aint Mathin'			Love After Lockup: Aint Mathin'			Love After Lockup	
YES	53	89	76	MLS Soccer: New York City FC at Columbus Crew.				Home Plate	Brooklyn	Yankees	BK Show	Talkin'	MLS Soccer Replay.	
HBO	511	301	400	(6:22) The Man Will Burn		(7:22) Legally Blonde (2001, Comedy)			Life, Larry	FL Man (R)	Euphoria: A Look Back		(11:03) Euphoria: Look (R)	
MAX	531	371	420	Green Lantern (2011) ★★½		(7:28) Justice League (2017, Action) Ben Affleck. ★★★				(9:28) Wonder Woman (2017, Action) Gal Gadot. ★★★½				Shazam!
MGM Plus	595		395	(5:50) GoldenEye (1995, Action) ★★★			Casino Royale (2006, Thriller) Daniel Craig. PG-13 ★★★½					Skyfall (2012, Action) Daniel Craig. ★★★½		
PARSHO	551	321	365	(6:15) The Commuter (2018, Thriller)			The Chi: Cold Feet		The Perfect Gamble (2025)			Out of the Furnace (2013) R ★★½		

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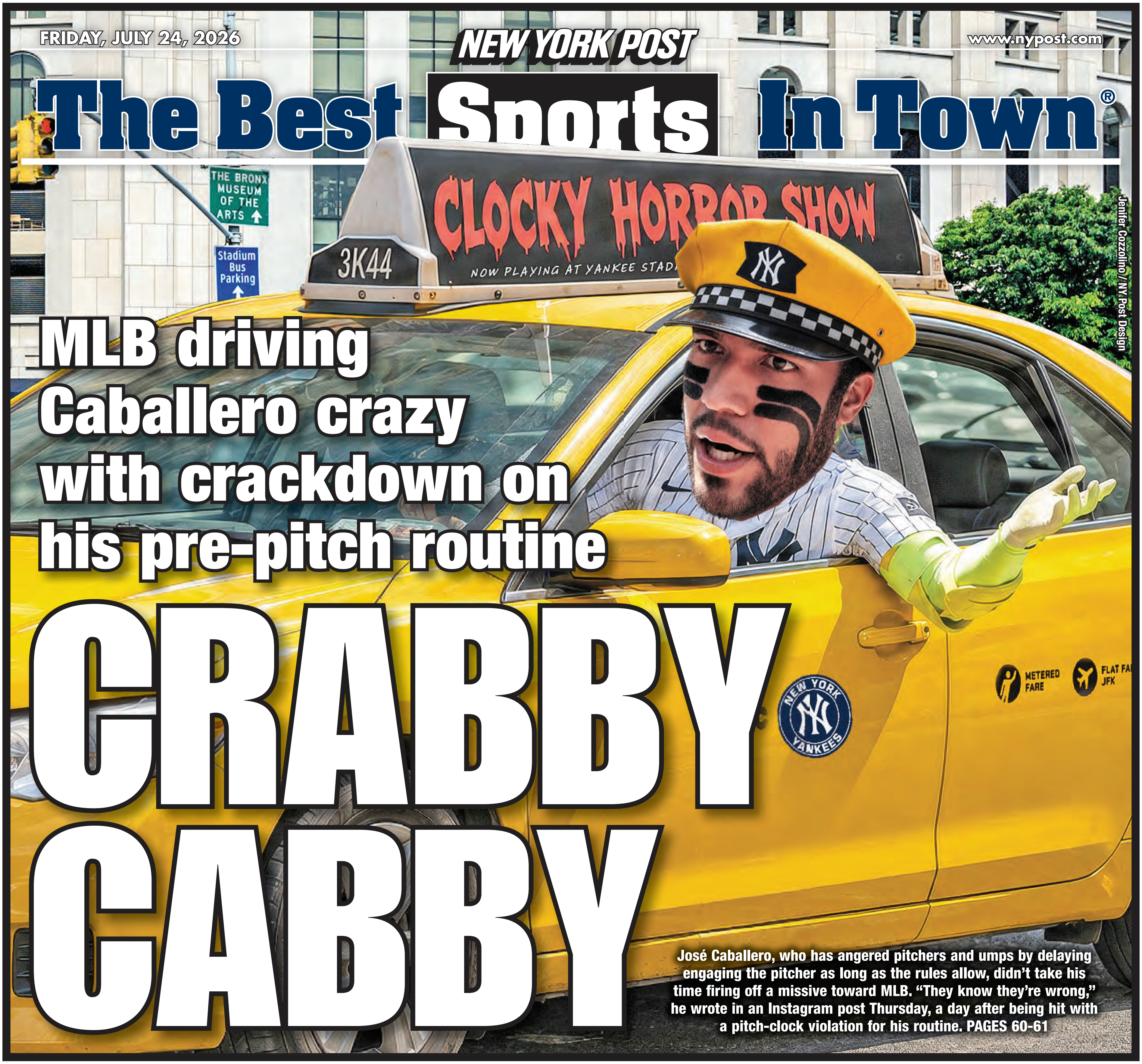
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MLB driving Caballero crazy with crackdown on his pre-pitch routine

CRABBY CABBY

José Caballero, who has angered pitchers and umps by delaying engaging the pitcher as long as the rules allow, didn't take his time firing off a missive toward MLB. "They know they're wrong," he wrote in an Instagram post Thursday, a day after being hit with a pitch-clock violation for his routine. PAGES 60-61

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